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M. W. BRO. J. E. HARDING, K. C.,
ACTING GRAND MASTER SEPT. 9TH, 1901.
GRAND MASTER 1902-1903.



M. W, BRO. W. A. SUTHERLAND.
HONORARY PAST GRAND MASTER 1900.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge

—OF—

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

—AT—

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

—HELD AT—

*Fenelon Falls, on the 13th August, 1902 ;
at Glen Williams, on the 8th September,
1902 ; at Cargill, 9th September,
1902 ; at Wooler, 22nd May, 1903 ;
at Bervie, 24th June, 1903.*

ALSO AT THE

Forty-Eighth Annual Communication

HELD AT THE CITY OF TORONTO,

ON THE

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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario,
held at the Village of Fenelon Falls, on Friday, the
Thirteenth day of August, A. D. 1902, A. L. 5902.*

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C.	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. W. H. Walkey	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Henry Rush	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Alex. Gibson	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. W. L. Armitage	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. John M. Shaw	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. A. Carmichael	as Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. E. W. Harding	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. J. W. Watson	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. R. P. Boucher	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. H. C. Rogers	as Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Bro. Rev. W. Farncomb	as Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. R. W. Dennestown	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. Jas. McNeil	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. J. J. Lundy	
W. Bro. D. J. Hurtle	
W. Bro. J. J. McMahan	
Bro. Lewis Deyman	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 2.30 o'clock afternoon, by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. James' Church (Anglican).

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, marched to the

site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

An address was then presented by the Reeve and Council of Fenelon Falls to the M. W. the Grand Master.

The following address was presented by the incumbent and congregation of St. James' Church:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

Most Worshipful Sir :

It affords me the greatest pleasure on behalf of my congregation and myself to welcome you here to-day.

I assure you we appreciate fully the favor which is being conferred upon us in having the corner stone of our new church laid with Masonic honors. We are also indebted to the officers of the Grand Lodge and other Masonic Brethren for the kindly interest manifested by their presence in such goodly numbers.

There is, I take it, an exquisite propriety in having this ceremony performed in this way. It is not only most agreeable to the members of St. James' Church, but it is, I believe, in keeping with the traditions and history of Masonry.

While no doubt the origin of Freemasonry is lost amid the unrevealed records of the dim and distant past, yet this at least is known that it was originally a fraternity of practical builders. It is also agreed that much of its early work was of a distinctly religious character.

In Phoenicia, whose capital cities were Tyre and Sidon, there existed a semi-religious society, to which I believe modern Masonry is related, known as the Dionysian Architects. Their founder had migrated to Europe from Egypt as early as 1,500 B. C., and thence his followers went to Asia some 300 years later. The influence upon the ancient world of the wisdom and skill of this brotherhood was great. The raising of costly temples to the gods, the building of rich palaces in which dwelt the king and nobles of the land, and the erection of walls and citadels to strengthen their cities were some of the works of this fraternity.

But the wisdom and skill of these early builders did not only find expression in structures erected for the comfort or the ambition of heathen kings and peoples. It rose to a much higher plane. Josephus tells us that the temple at Jerusalem was built on the same plan, in the same style, and by the same architects as the temples of Hercules and Astarte at Tyre.

And this is confirmed by a far greater authority than Josephus—the authority of God's Word. We read that Hiram, King of Tyre, sent cunning workmen to aid King Solomon in the erection of the temple. True, Freemasonry is no longer

an association of practical builders, but this does not lessen the importance of its work. It has laid aside its operative character and become a purely, moral and benevolent association, and in its efforts to enoble and educate, to purify and help mankind it bears a strong resemblance to the Christian Church. It is the claim of Masonry that its members are craftsmen still, but the work they are now engaged upon is for eternity. They are preparing and upbuilding "living stones" for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The day will come when every man's work shall be tried of what sort it is. And as we stand in the light of His presence, who is the great Master Builder, we shall listen for no other voice and fear no other blame. For gazing into the eternal future we shall know as Kipling has it that

Only the Master shall praise us,
And only the Master shall blame,
And no one shall work for money, and
No one shall work for fame;
But each with the joy of the working,
And each in his separate star
Shall work with the skill of the craftsman
For the God of things as they are.

I have pleasure, Most Worshipful Sir, in presenting you with this trowel for your use in laying this corner stone, and also as a token of our esteem.

R. McNAMARA,
Incumbent of St. James' Church.

Fenelon Falls, Ont.

After the Grand Master's reply thereto, and the presentation to him of a beautiful silver trowel, the ceremony of laying the foundation stone was performed.

The Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of
the Universe.**

On the Thirteenth Day of August, A. D. 1902, A. L. 5902, the
second year of the reign of our Most Gracious
Sovereign.

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain, Ireland, and Dominions Beyond the
Seas, Emperor of India.

His Excellency, the Most Honorable LORD MINTO, being
Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Right Honorable SIR OLIVER MOWAT, being Lieuten-
ant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier
The Honorable GEORGE W. ROSS, being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

Lieutenant-Colonel SAM HUGHES, M. P. for North Riding of
Victoria.

JOHN H. CARNEGIE, ESQ., M. L. A. for the East Riding of
Victoria.

The Right Rev. ARTHUR SWEETMAN, Bishop of the
Diocese of Bronte.

REV. R. McNAMARA, Incumbent of the Parish of
Fenelon Falls.

Messrs. GEO. H. McGEE and J. J. NEWSON, Church
Wardens.

JOSEPH McFARLAND, Reeve of Fenelon Falls.

M. W. BRO. JOHN E. HARDING, Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of
Ontario.

R. W. BRO. D. B. SIMPSON, D. D. G. M. of the Twelfth
Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

Was laid by M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, as-
sisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a
large concourse of brethren and citizens of
the Village of Fenelon Falls.

The Acting Grand Secretary then deposited the scroll
in the cavity in the stone, together with a box containing
certain newspapers, records and coins.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master
applied the implements of their office to the stone after
it had been placed in position, and announced that the
Craftsmen had done their duty. The Grand Master then
consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pro-
nounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and
trusty.

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The Grand Master then gave a short address, and the procession was reformed, the brethren returning to the Masonic Hall, the Grand Lodge being closed in ample form.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Village of Glen Williams, on Friday, the Eighth day of September, A. D. 1902, A. L. 5902.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C....	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. W. H. Robinson.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
V. W. Bro. S. Beaumont.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. W. L. Armitage.....	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Guney.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. Wm. McLeod.....	as Grand Registrar.
Bro. A. E. Mason.....	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. Jas. Newton.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. H. Holdroyd.	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. A. S. Forster.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. L. Grant.....	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. Wm. Taylor.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. Alfred Sykes.....	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. Alfred Watson.....	as Grand Steward.
Bro. S. Nevens.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 2.30 o'clock afternoon, by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new chapel of St. Alban (Anglican).

The brethren having received the necessary instructions as to usual mode of procedure, the Grand Lodge was called off and a procession formed under the direction of the acting Director of Ceremonies, and headed by the band marched to the site in the prescribed form, taking their positions as laid down in the Book of Ceremonies.

When the following address was presented :

To the M. W. His Honor Judge John E. Harding, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in Ontario:

M. W. Sir and Brother :

On an occasion so important to the spiritual and moral life of our community as the laying of the corner stone of an edifice (St. Alban's Chapel, Glen Williams) about to be erected and devoted to the worship of the Almighty Ruler of the Universe, it affords us great pleasure to have with us to-day to perform the ceremony you, M. W. Sir, the chief head and Ruler of the Craft of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in Ontario, assisted by so many eminent members of the Fraternity and dignitaries of the church.

We are heartily thankful for the honor shown us this day, and we unite with yours our sincere prayers, that this material stone now laid may be symbolical of the corner stone of God's truth and righteousness now and hereafter to be laid in the heart and soul of each one of us assembled here, or who shall hereafter render thanks to the Most High for His bountiful favors so freely vouchsafed to mankind. On that sure foundation may a superstructure arise against which the storms of life may beat in vain, so that through the stress may emerge a church sound and stable and souls pure and unsullied.

As a testimony whereof we sign at Glen Williams, on this 8th day of September, A. D. 1902, and A. L. 5902.

R. C. McCULLOUGH, W. M.
J. B. McLEOD, S. W.
F. B. GOODWILLIE, J. W.
T. R. EARNGEY, Secretary.

On behalf of Credit Lodge, No. 219, A. F. & A. M., Georgetown, Ontario, and

T. G. WALLACE, Incumbent.
HARRY HOLDROYD,
WM. C. ARMSTRONG, } Wardens.

On behalf of St. Alban's Mission, Glen Williams, Ont.

In reply Judge Harding expressed his pleasure at being permitted to summon Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the corner stone of an edifice to be devoted to the worship of the Great Architect of the universe. He was pleased to be able to say that no man could become a Mason unless he believed in God, and it was a privilege to lay the corner stones of churches whose true foundation was He in whom we have life and being. He was glad to pay a visit to the prosperous little village of Glen Williams, and he hoped the church would grow so rapidly that it would soon have to be enlarged.

The Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing.

W. Bro. A. S. Forster, of Oakville, then read the scroll, which was deposited in a cavity in the corner stone. It contained the names of the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada; Sir Oliver Mowat, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; Premier Laurier, Premier Ross, Rev. John Philp, Bishop of Niagara; H. W. Cook, Warden of Halton; Thomas G. Wallace, Rector; the officers of St. Alban's Chapel; John Harding, G. M., A. F. & A. M.; W. H. Robinson, D. D. G. M.; D. Henderson, M. P.; John R. Barber, M.P.P.; R. C. McCullough, W. M. of Credit Lodge, and the names of the building committee.

The Acting Grand Secretary then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a box containing certain newspapers, records and coins.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsman had done their duty. The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

Judge Harding then spoke briefly to the assembled audience. He said that the Masonic order was one of the most beneficent societies existing among men. It looks to the up-building of the human race. It is a thoroughly democratic society, each member being the equal of any other member of the craft. When King Edward was Grand Master he was on just the same footing as any of his brethren. The glory of the Order was that it cared for the widow and the orphan, and no Mason need want for the necessities of life so long as he has a Masonic brother. In closing, His Honor thanked the rector and all the brethren who had helped to make the ceremony a success.

Mr. R. C. McCullough, W.M. of Credit Lodge, congratulated St. Alban's Mission upon the favorable weather for this important ceremony which had been so successfully performed by his honor Judge Harding, and cordially thanked the Masonic brethren and the people in the neighborhood for their presence.

After some further complimentary remarks by Rev. W. L. Armitage, Rural Dean Belt and Mr. W. H. Robinson, D. D. G. M., the proceedings closed with the benediction and the National Anthem.

At the close of the ceremony a garden party was held on the beautiful grounds of Mr. S. Beaumont.

The procession was reformed, the brethren returning to the Village Hall, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the Public Library Hall in the Village of Carleton Place, County of Bruce, on Tuesday, 9th September, A. D. 1902, A. L. 5902.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C.....	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. DeWitt H. Martyn.....	as Past Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Henry Clark.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Thos. Pinkerton.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Armitage.....	Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. Geo. Munro.....	as Grand Treasurer.
Bro. A. E. Mason.....	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. E. Penjelly.....	as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. Geo. Sirrs.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. D. Traill.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. Rev. S. F. Robinson...	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Scott.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
Bro. Nelson Clark.....	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. Wm. Trimble.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. R. C. Cheswright.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. B. F. Brook.....	} as Grand Stewards.
V. W. Bro. Jas. Dundas.....	
Bro. Thos. Hood.....	
Bro. John H. Clark.....	
Bro. E. H. Young.....	
Bro. J. W. Loughleen.....	
Bro. C. W. Keeling.....	
Bro. Newton Pearson.....	
W. Bro. Chas. Elder.....	
Bro. John Bradley.....	
Bro. J. Moses Irwin.....	
Bro. Isaac Chambers.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, and brethren hailing from various lodges.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., in the Public Library, by the M. W. the Grand Mas-

ter, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the corner stone of Holy Trinity Church (Anglican).

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers, having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed, under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the ninth day of September, A. D. 1902, and the second
year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland and the British Dominions
beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith,
Emperor of India, etc.

The Right Hon. GILBERT JOHN ELIOT, Earl of Minto, P. C.,
G. C. M. G., being Governor-General of Canada.

SIR OLIVER MOWAT, K. C. M. G., being Lieutenant-Governor
of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, P. C., G. C. M. G.,
being premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. GEORGE W. ROSS, M. P.P., being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. the Hon. GEORGE LANDERKIN, being Senator.
Bro. HENRY CARGILL, being M. P. for East Bruce.

HUGH CLARK, M. P.P. for Centre Bruce.

R. E. TRUAX, M. P.P. for South Bruce.

C. M. BOWMAN, M. P.P., for North Bruce.

The Right Reverend Father in God, MAURICE S., third
Bishop of Huron, being Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

The Reverend SAMUEL F. ROBINSON, Rural Dean, being
Incumbent of Cargill.

JAMES J. DONNELLY, being Warden of the County of Bruce.

M. W. Bro. JOHN E. HARDING, being Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, A. F. & A. M.

R. W. Bro. W. J. FERGUSON, being D. D. G. M. Fifth
Mason's District.

This Corner Stone

OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Was laid by M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master A. F.
& A. M., assisted by the Grand Officers and in the
presence of a large concourse of brethren
and citizens of the County of Bruce.

JAMES GARLAND, } ROBERT BARTON, }	Church Wardens.	GEORGE SIRRS, Delegate. JAMES EVANS, Vestry Clerk.
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The Acting Grand Secretary then deposited the scroll in the cavity of the stone.

A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to the M. W. the Grand Master.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

The procession was then reformed, the brethren returned to the hall, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario,
held at the Village of Wooler, on Friday, the Twenty-
second day of May, A. D. 1903, A. L. 5903.*

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C..	Grand Master.
V. W. Bro. J. P. Thompson.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. F. E. O'Flynn.....	as Dist. Dep. Grand Master.
W. Bro. R. H. Spencer.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. B. C. H. Becker.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. Rev. W. J. Sanders.	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. P. E. McKee.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. R. P. Holurt.....	as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. S. W. Ostrom.....	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. H. Brown.....	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
Bro. A. M. Hamilton....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. F. E. Marshall.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. W. Johnston.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. Wm. Ponton.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
Bro. J. R. Halliwell....	as Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. E. A. Lapp.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. John Coleman.....	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. C. Wensley.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. J. O. Proctor.....	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. G. A. Rose.....	
W. Bro. W. D. Smith.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 2.30 o'clock afternoon, by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Methodist Church.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, marched to the

site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

After an address to the Grand Master, and the Grand Master's reply thereto, and the presentation to him of a beautiful silver trowel, the ceremony of laying the corner stone was performed.

The Acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe.

On the twenty-second day of May, A. D. 1903, A. L. 5903, the third year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

His Excellency, the EARL OF MINTO, being Governor-General of Canada.

The Honorable MORTIMER CLARKE, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRED LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable GEORGE W. ROSS, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

REV. S. F. DIXON, being Pastor.

WM. POWERS, ESQ., being Warden.

M. W. Bro. J. E. HARDING, K. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. F. E. O'FLYNN, D. D. G. M. of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Was laid by M. W. Bro. J. E. HARDING, K. C., Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of inhabitants of the Town of Wooler.

S. N. McCOLL, ESQ., R. J. McCONVILLE, ESQ., Trustees.

The Acting Grand Secretary then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a box containing certain newspapers, records and coins.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The Acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

The Grand Master then gave a short address, and the procession was reformed, the brethren returned to the hall, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon
Grand Secretary

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario,
held in the Village of Berrie, on Wednesday, Twenty-
fourth June, A. D. 1903, A. L. 5903.*

PRESENT :

R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson.....	as	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Scott.....	as	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Henry Clarke.....	as	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. J. Wemsley.....	as	Grand Junior Warden
Bro. Rev. F. M. Smith.....	as	Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. G. M. Wedol.....	as	Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. P. Linn.....	as	Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. E. Fox.....	as	Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. F. R. Collins.....	as	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. S. Bowie.....	as	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. John Mitchell.....	as	Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro. E. Miller.....	as	Grand Dir. of Cer.
V. W. Bro. J. M. McPherson.....	as	Asst. Grand Secretary.
Bro. Robert Baird.....	as	Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
Bro. M. T. Huffman.....	as	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Robert Patterson.....	as	Grand Organist.
Bro. Wm. Young.....	as	Asst. Grand Organist.
Bro. Wm. Henderson.....	as	Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. John Kerr.....	}	as Grand Stewards.
Bro. John A. Smith.....		
Bro. D. R. M. Gordon....		
Bro. A. Clinton.....		
Bro. B. Brown.....		
Bro. M. D. McPheill.....		
Bro. J. G. Walker.....		
Bro. Wm. Mitchell.....		
Bro. C. Poulton.....		
Bro. James Dagg.....		
Bro. R. Black.....	}	as Grand Standard Bearer.
Bro. M. Bradley.....		
Bro. W. Ritchie.....		
Bro. Ken. McKenzie.....	as	Grand Standard Bearer.
Bro. Peter Flett.....	as	Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in form at 2.30 o'clock afternoon, by R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, District Deputy Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Presbyterian Church, and that he had been requested to perform the ceremony by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., Grand Master.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and headed by the Citizens' Band, marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

After an address to the Acting Grand Master by Elders Wm. Henderson and Wm. Miller, and the Acting Grand Master's reply thereto, and the presentation to him of a beautiful silver trowel, the ceremony of laying the foundation stone was performed.

The Acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe.

On the Twenty-fifth day of June, A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three, A. L. Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Three, and in the third year of the Reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith,
Emperor of India.

His Excellency, the Right Honorable SIR GILBERT JOHN ELIOT, Earl of Minto, G. C. M. G., etc., being Governor-General of Canada.

Hir Honor, the Honorable WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARKE, K. C., being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M. G., P. C. being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable GEORGE WILLIAM ROSS, LL.D., being
Premier of the Province of Ontario.

Bro. JOHN TOLMIE, being M. P. for the West Riding of the
County of Bruce.

Bro. HUGH CLARK, being M.P.P. for the Centre Riding of
the County of Bruce.

ROBERT WATT, ESQ., Warden of Bruce County.

FRANK COLWELL, ESQ., Reeve of the Township of
Kincardine.

M. W. Bro. His Honor JUDGE HARDING, K.C., being Grand
Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M.,
in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. WILLIAM J. FERGUSON, D. D. G. M. of North
Huron District, No. 5.

This Corner Stone

OF THE BERVIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Was laid by R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, D. D. G. M., assisted
by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large
concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the
County of Bruce.

Trustees—William Millar and William Henderson.

Elders—Wm. Millar, Wm. Henderson, R. McCormack, Jas.
M. Kinney.

Managers—R. McCormack, W. Millar, Jas. McKinney, Wm.
Slessor and Robinson Ramshaw.

Contractor—Frank Beeker.

Chairman of Building Committee—Wm. Millar.

Treasurer—William Henderson.

Moderators—General Assembly, Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D. D.,
Hamilton ; Synod, Rev. John Thompson, M. A., Ayr ; Presby-
tery, Rev. S. M. Whaley, B. A., St. Helens ; Sessions, F. J.
Maxwell, Ripley.

Clergyman in charge—F. J. Maxwell, Ripley.

The Acting Grand Secretary then deposited the scroll
in the cavity in the stone, together with a box containing
certain newspapers, records and coins.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master
applied the implements of their office to the stone after
it had been placed in position, and announced that the
Craftsmen had done their duty. The Acting Grand
Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and
oil, and announced it well made, truly laid, well proved,
true and trusty.

The Acting Grand Master then gave a short address, and the procession was reformed, the brethren returning to the hall, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

ATTEST :



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

At the Forty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Toronto, commencing on Wednesday, the Fifteenth day of July, A. D. 1903, A. L. 5903.

PRESENT :

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen.

R. W. Bro. Samuel Buchanan.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, M. D....as	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. W. L. Armitage.....	Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. Hon. William Gibson...	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. E. C. Davies.....	Grand Registrar.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. E. W. Harding.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. J. W. Watson	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. John B. Hay.....	Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. Major F. Manley..... as	Grand Dir. of Cer.
V. W. Bro. W. E. Fitzgerald.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Bro. A. Shaw.....as	Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. S. Beaumont.....as	Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. W. A. Becker.....	Grand Stewards.
V. W. Bro. Jas. Old..... as	
W. Bro. T. A. Simpson. ... as	
W. Bro. John Ritchie... as	
W. Bro. James Beam... as	
V. W. Bro. J. E. Francis.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Newton....	
V. W. Bro. W. A. Chamberlain...	
V. W. Bro. J. M. Wemyss.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
V. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
Bro. John Young..... as	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. W. J. French.....	Erie	District No. 1
" J. B. Martyn, M. D.....	St. Clair	" 2
" E. T. Essery.....	London	" 3
" R. M. Cassels.....	South Huron	" 4

R. W. Bro.	W. J. Ferguson.....	North Huron District No. 5	
"	James Ross.....	Wison	" 6
"	D. B. Miller.....	Wellington	" 7
"	W. H. Robinson.....	Hamilton	" 8
"	Alex. Cowan.....	Georgian	" 9
"	W. J. Drope.....	Niagara	" 10
"	A. F. Webster, M. D.....	Toronto West	" 11
"	E. B. Brown.....	Toronto East	" 11a
"	D. B. Simpson.....	Ontario	" 12
"	F. E. O'Flynn.....	Prince Edward	" 13
"	John Nicolle.....	Frontenac	" 14
"	G. K. Dewey.....	St. Lawrence	" 15
"	John Wilson.....	Ottawa	" 16
"	J. K. Brydon.....	Algoma	" 17
"	A. J. Young.....	Nipissing	" 18

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro.	J. Ross Robertson.....	England.
"	" Kivas Tully.....	Ireland.
R.	" Hugh A. Mackay....	Scotland.
R.	" R. L. Gunn.....	British Columbia.
"	" A. E. Irving.....	Manitoba.
M.	" Hon. Wm. Gibson.....	Quebec.
R.	" Bro. D. D. Campbell....	New South Wales.
"	" L. Secord.....	New Zealand.
"	" J. H. Burritt.....	South Australia.
"	" A. T. Freed.....	Alabama.
"	" J. C. Hegler.....	Arkansas.
V.	" G. S. Ryerson.....	California.
R.	" A. McGinnis.....	Colorado.
M.	" A. A. Stevenson.....	Connecticut.
"	" Henry Robertson.....	District of Columbia.
"	" W. R. White.....	Georgia.
R.	" A. Shaw.....	Illinois.
M.	" Hon. J. K. Kerr.....	Indiana.
R.	" W. G. Reid.....	Kansas.
"	" D. F. MacWatt.....	Louisiana.
"	" C. W. Postlethwaite....	Maine.
"	" Aubrey White.....	Maryland.
M.	" A. A. Stevenson.....	Minnesota.
"	" Hon. J. K. Kerr.....	Missouri.
"	" Hon. J. M. Gibson.....	Montana.
R.	" Wm. Roaf.....	Nebraska.
"	" R. L. Patterson.....	Nevada.
M.	" Hon. J. K. Kerr.....	New Jersey.
R.	" Wm. Rea.....	New Mexico.
M.	" Hugh Murray.....	New York.
R.	" John Hoodless.....	North Carolina.
"	" J. S. Dewar.....	North Dakota.
"	" H. A. Collins.....	Rhode Island.
R.	" Thos. C. McNab.....	South Carolina.
M.	" E. T. Malone.....	South Dakota.
"	" Hon. J. K. Kerr.....	Texas.
"	" Hon. J. K. Kerr.....	Utah.
R.	" DeWitt H. Martyn.....	Vermont.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

R. W. Bro.	T. H. Brunton.....	Virginia.	
"	"	W. C. Wilkinson.....	Washington.
M.	"	J. E. Harding.....	West Virginia.
R.	"	Henry Rush.....	Wisconsin.
"	"	F. F. Manley.....	Belgium.
M.	"	A. A. Stevenson.....	Brazil.
R.	"	G. G. Rowe.....	Italy.
R.	"	George Tait.....	The Island of Cuba.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—A. A. Stevenson, Hon. J. K. Kerr, K. C., Hugh Murray, H. Robertson, K.C., J. Ross Robertson, Hon. J. M. Gibson, W. R. White, K.C., Kivas Tully, Hon. Wm. Gibson, E. T. Malone, K.C.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters—W. R. House, A. T. Freed, Gavin Stewart, John Hoodless, A. McGinnis, Jas. Glanville, A. E. Irving, Donald Ross, Aubrey White, Geo. J. Bennett, Wm. Roaf, R. L. Gunn, A. M. Ross, John Parry, R. G. W. Connolly, J. A. Hoshal, R. M. Stuart, Wm. Birrell, John Malloy, W. G. Reid, D. McPhie, Thos. McCallum, Geo. S. May, R. W. Watchorn, Geo. C. Holden, J. B. Nixon, R. Dinnis, J. C. Hegler, W. A. Karn, Jas. Smiley, John Nettleton, W. T. Toner, A. Shaw, Geo. Sommerville, D. H. Martyn, Fred. Guest, M.D., D. F. MacWatt, Alex. Cowan, T. H. Brunton, R. E. Wood, James Smiley, J. F. Graham, T. A. Simpson, G. W. Holwell, L. Secord, J. G. Liddell, J. H. Burritt, Robt. McColl, W. W. Rutherford, C. F. Chamberlain, C. McLellan, W. H. Walkey, W. Kerns, Wm. Rea, T. Allshire, P. W. D. Broderick, E. Burns, John MacDonald, J. S. Dewar, H. G. Stafford, R. Irvine, J. McLaren, A. W. Cryslar, John Watson, D. D. Campbell, W. H. McFadden, J. C. Morgan, Chas. Pye, F. W. Kent, Ed. Worth, J. C. Bartle, R. Mahoney, A. G. Campbell, T. C. McNab, R. Hillier, D. Robertson, H. A. Collins, W. Jaques, F. G. Inwood, J. A. McGillivray, Wm. Kennedy, Isaac Huber, R. Mills, G. K. Dewey, J. M. Shaw, J. N. Shearer, G. F. Norris, C. V. Emory, J. W. St. John, A. E. McLean, W. J. Ferguson, E. Fitzgerald, C. F. Farwell, Thos. Pinkerton, H. L. Barber.

Past Grand Senior Wardens—James Bain, Colin W. Postlethwaite, R. W. Barker, Thos. W. Lester, R. J. Hovenden, G. R. Vanzant, Jas. McLaughlin, A. W. Porte, A. G. McWhinney, Allan McLean.

Past Grand Junior Wardens—Wm. Forbes, F. Mudge, Alex. Gibson, Henry Rush, A. E. Cooper, J. S. Dewar, A. A. S. Ardagh, G. G. Rowe, A. E. Dymont.

Past Grand Chaplains—Rev. Geo. Crystal.

Past Grand Registrars—W. C. Wilkinson, F. F. Manley, T. M. Davis, Malcolm Gibbs, F. C. Martin, G. C. Patterson, E. C. Davis.

Past Grand Senior Deacons—G. S. Ryerson, James Hohl, James Wilson, J. Y. Egan.

Past Grand Junior Deacons—H. A. Taylor.

- Past Grand Supt. of Works—John Hall, H. W. Ansley, W. Walker.
 Past Grand Director of Ceremonies—R. T. Coady, Hugh Maculla Wright.
 Past Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies—H. Hyndman, jr., A. G. Horwood.
 Past Asst. Grand Secretaries—R. A. Hutchison, J. Tomlinson, John McKnight, Chas. Lemon.
 Past Grand Sword Bearers—W. W. Greenhill, C. J. Whitby.
 Past Grand Organist—C. P. Sparling.
 Past Grand Pursuivants—R. J. Winch, W. H. Morgan.
 Past Grand Stewards—Daniel Rose, J. H. Herring, Jas. Old, John Erskine, R. R. Fulton, W. E. Sawyer, E. M. Carleton, John Ritchie, James Dundas, R. J. Munro, C. F. Harris, R. Mann, S. Beaumont, J. H. Dickinson, D. Ponton, James Stewart, J. D. Dewar, John Hull, F. Holwell, T. J. Wilbee, N. Shafley, J. Macfarlane, James Whitten, G. W. Sutherland, Jas. McNeil, A. Trusler, W. A. Ferrah.
 Past Grand Standard Bearers—W. J. McAllister, R. Cuthbert.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge, His Worship the Mayor and members of the City Council were introduced, when Mayor Urquhart welcomed Grand Lodge to Toronto.

The M. W. the Grand Master, having made a suitable response, and a constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 11.30 o'clock a. m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

A deputation of Masters and Past Masters from the Toronto Lodges was announced, introduced and presented to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME:

*To the M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C., Grand Master,
 Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F.
 & A. M. of Canada in Ontario:*

At this, the forty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the brethren of Toronto extend to you, Most Worshipful Sir, and to the officers and members of Grand Lodge, a cordial welcome to our city.

We fully recognize and appreciate the services you, Most Worshipful Sir, have rendered the Craft during your term as Deputy Grand Master, as well as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In August of 1901, while filling the former position, you were suddenly called upon to assume the duties of Acting Grand Master, owing to the death of our late Grand Master Most Worshipful Bro. R. B. Hungerford, and in evidence of the satisfactory manner in which you performed those duties, in July, 1902, you were unanimously elected to the position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

It is gratifying to add that during your regime the Craft has shown increased activity and vigor, and has enjoyed the greatest prosperity in its history.

We desire to express our high regard for you as a man and a Mason. Your uniform courtesy and kindness to those with whom you come in contact have been experienced by all who have had the privilege of meeting you in the lodge room or elsewhere, and we feel that the Craft is the better for having had you at its head.

We hope that the brethren will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the many places of interest in this city, and if any of them would like to inspect some of our large manufacturing industries, the Toronto members are in a position and will be glad to see that their wishes are gratified.

We trust that the deliberations of the Grand Lodge at this Communication may be marked by the same wisdom, prudence and harmony that have characterized those of the past, and that the result of your labors may be conducive to the best interests of the Craft.

(Signed)

C. W. I. WOODLAND,
W. M. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16.
W. R. P. PARKER,
W. M. King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22.
C. R. W. POSTLETHWAITE,
W. M. Ionic Lodge, No. 25.
GEORGE H. MITCHELL,
W. M. Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65.
J. H. McKINNON,
W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 75.
THOMAS A. DUFF,
W. M. Wilson Lodge, No. 86.
JOSEPH LEAKE,
W. M. Stevenson Lodge, No. 218.
THOMAS REID,
W. M. Ashlar Lodge, No. 247.
H. A. COLLINS,
W. M. Doric Lodge, No. 316.
O. F. RICE,
W. M. Zetland Lodge, No. 326.
JOHN B. REEVES,
W. M. Orient Lodge, No. 339.
C. E. LEVEY,
W. M. Georgina Lodge, No. 343.
G. V. FOSTER,
W. M. Occident Lodge, No. 346.
GEO. F. SPRY,
W. M. St. George's Lodge, No. 367.
FRANK E. LUKE,
W. M. Alpha Lodge, No. 384.

A. B. MITCHELL,
W. M. Zeta Lodge, No. 410.
LUD. K. CAMERON,
W. M. Harmony Lodge, No. 438.
R. W. BRO. A. F. WEBSTER,
D. D. G. M. West District No. 11.
R. W. BRO E. B. BROWN,
D. D. G. M. East District No. 11a.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS OF REGRET.

Letters and telegrams expressing regret at being unable to attend the Annual Communication were read from M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, M. W. Bro. W. A. Sutherland and R. W. Bro. O. Ellwood.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, and

Resolved, That the minutes of proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Forty-seventh Annual Communication, held in the City of Windsor, on the 16th and 17th days of July, A. D. 1902, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to subordinate lodges, the same be considered as read, and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

M. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was announced, introduced and welcomed with Grand Honors.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bros. William Roaf and W. H. McFadden, A. J. Young and W. J. Drope, the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, reported the following as being present:

- No. 2. Niagara, Niagara.**
W. Bro. John Knox, W.M.
- No. 3. The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.**
W. Bro. W. T. Connell, W. M.
- No. 5. Sussex, Brockville.**
W. Bro. A. S. Knapp, W. M.; C. Rose and Geo. K. Duvey, P. M's.
- No. 6. The Barton, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. Fred. Johnson, W.M.: Bro. C. E. Cameron, S. W.: George Moore, J. W.; and M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, R. W. Bros. H. A. Mackay, Thos. Clappison, John Hoodless, W. R. House, A. T. Freed, W. Bros. D. McMillan, J. J. Evel, R. B. Griffith, S. G. Moore, H. B. Witton, A. McPherson, J. Weir, E. G. Zealand, John G. Gauld, J. P. Steedman, Jas. Bicknell, Robert Griffin, P.M's.
- No. 7. Union, Grimsby.**
W. Bro. W. F. Randall, W.M.: R. W. Bros. Wm. Forbes, W. J. Drope and W. Bros. W. De la Rosa, and C. W. Harrison, P. M's.
- No. 9. Union, Napanee.**
W. Bro. Wm. Rankin, W. M.: G. F. Rutter, P. M.
- No. 10. Norfolk, Simcoe.**
W. Bro. W. A. McIntosh, W. M.: J. G. Bottomley, G. H. Luscombe, Frank Reid, P. M'e.
- No. 11. Moira, Belleville.**
W. Bro. A. Matthews, W. M.; R. W. Bro. A. McGinnis, W. Bro. W. Lattimer, P. M's.
- No. 14. True Britons, Perth**
W. Bro. F. G. Campbell, W. M.
- No. 15. St. George's, St. Catharines.**
W. Bros. H. O'Loughlin, W. M.; J. G. Harris, S. W.; A. McLaren, P. M.
- No. 16. St. Andrew's, Toronto**
W. Bro. C. W. I. Woodland, W. M.; R. W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson, James Bain, A. E. Irving, Jas. Glanville, V. W. Bro. Daniel Rose, and W. Bros. Geo. Tait, James S. Lovell, H. T. Smith, E. H. Smith, W. F. Chapman, J. C. Arlidge, F. Dowe, D. Carlyle, J. T. Slater, F. M. Bell-Smith, L. J. Clark, C. E. Edmonds, A. R. Macdonald, Thos. Bell, R. W. Doan, J. Pearson, W. Anderson, J. E. Hansford.
- No. 17. St. John's, Cobourg.**
W. Bros. A. Bowman, W. M.; V. W. Bro. R. J. Winch, W. Bro. Wm. Rankin and J. J. Kerr, P. M's.
- No. 18. Prince Edward, Picton.**
W. Bro. John W. Wright, M.D., W. M.; R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, W. Bros. W. T. Shaw and Hugh Mulholland, P. M's.

No. 20. St. John's, London.

W. Bro. G. F. Mills, W. M.; V. W. Bro. R. A. Bayley, P. M.

No. 21a. St. John's, Vank.eek Hill.

W. Bro. J. E. Robison, W. M.

No. 22. King Solomon's, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P.M. Proxy; V. W. Bro. John Hall, W. Bros. W. A. Lyon, S. Hollingsworth, W. H. Scott, W. H. Walkem, Thos. Langton, Wm. Cooke, Raymond Walker and N. T. Lyon, P. M's.

No. 32. Richmond, Richmond Hill.

W. Bro. R. A. Farquharson, W. M.; W. Bros. H. A. Nicholls, Thomas Newton, Thomas French, P. G. Savage, David Hill Geo. B. Newberry, Isaac Crosby, James Elliott, T. F. McMahon, J. E. Clubine, P. M's.

No. 24. St. Francis, Smith's Falls.

W. Bro. Geo. W. Fluker, W. M.; A. G. Foster and W. Hyndman, P. M's.

No. 25. Ionic, Toronto.

W. Bro. C. R. W. Postlethwaite, W. M.; Bro. R. R. Lockhart, S. W.; Bro. K. J. Dunston, J. W.; M. W. Bros. J. K. Kerr, W. R. White, Kivas Tully, R. W. Bros. Geo. J. Bennett, C. W. Postlethwaite, F. F. Manley, R. W. Barker, Wm. Roaf, E. B. Brown, V. W. J. G. Robinson, G. Sterling Ryerson, M. D., W. Bros. J. R. Roaf, G. F. Shepley, W. G. Eakins, A. P. Burritt, F. W. Harcourt, J. A. McAndrew, V. Sankey, G. H. Broughall, J. F. Mowat and S. B. Sykes, P. M's.

No. 26. Ontario, Port Hope.

W. Bro. H. Reynolds, W. M.

No. 27. Strict Observance, Hamilton.

W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, W. M.; Bro. C. H. McIlroy, S. W.; R. W. Bros. R. L. Gunn, Thos. W. Lester, T. M. Davis, V. W. Bros. J. H. Herring, R. A. Hutchison, W. Bros. J. H. Collinson, S. E. Townsend, Oliver S. Hillman, W. E. LaChance, W. C. Morton, Robert Morton, E. J. Moore, W. C. Breckenridge, W. Parke, F. J. McMichael, E. Powis, F. F. Dalley, F. J. Howell, P. D. Carse.

No. 28. Mount Zion, Kemptville.

Bro. W. L. Philps, J. W.

No. 29. United, Brighton.

W. Bro. J. C. Dixon, W. M.

No. 30. Composite, Whitby.

W. Bro. J. H. Nicholson, W. M.; Bro. W. J. H. Robinson, S. W.; R. W. Bro. A. M. Ross, W. Bros. Fred. Hatch and A. E. Henderson, P. M's.

No. 31. Jerusalem, Bowmanville.

W. Bro. J. C. Mitchell, W. M.; T. G. Bragg, P. M.

- No. 32. **Amity, Dunnville.**
W. Bro. J. A. Scholfield, W. M.; Bro. E. J. Aikens, S.W.;
R. W. Bros. John Parry, R. G. W. Conolly and W. Bro.
Geo. D. Robertson, P. M's.
- No. 33. **Maitland, Goderich.**
W. Bro. W. D. Tye, P. M.
- No. 35. **St. John's, Cayuga.**
W. Bro. J. W. Sheppard, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. A. Hoshal,
P. M.
- No. 37. **King Hiram, Ingersoll.**
W. Bro. J. A. Neff, W. M.
- No. 38. **Trent, Trenton.**
W. Bro. R. H. Spencer, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 40. **St. John's Hamilton.**
W. Bro. L. Johnston, W. M.; R. W. Bros. R. M. Stuart,
Wm. Birrell, John Malloy, W. G. Reid, D. McPhie, Thos.
McCallum, V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, W. Bros. A.
Rutherford, J. T. Crawford, J. B. Turner, J. E. Riddell,
C. W. W. Fielding.
- No. 42. **St. George's, London.**
W. Bro. B. W. Dawson, W. M.
- No. 43. **King Solomon's, Woodstock.**
W. Bro. W. F. Hodges, W. M.; Bros. G. F. Mahon, S.
W.; F. W. Bean, J. W., and W. Bro. Jas. McMahon, P.M.
- No. 44. **St. Thomas, St. Thomas.**
W. Bro. G. T. Kennedy, W.M.; Henry Roe, P.M.
- No. 45. **Brant, Brantford.**
W. Bro. F. W. Frank, P.M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. F.
Mudge, W. Bro. F. Hanna.
- No. 46. **Wellington, Chatham.**
Bro. A. E. Jewett, J. W.
- No. 47. **Great Western, Windsor**
W. Bro. David Liddell, W.M.; Bro. A. W. Kilpatrick, J.
W.; R. W. Bro. A. Buchanan, W. Bros. Siebert and Geo.
E. White, P.M's.
- No. 48. **Madoc, Madoc.**
W. Bro. W. J. Moore, W.M.; W. E. Connor, W. J. Moore
and A. H. Watson, P.M's.
- No. 50. **Consecon, Consecon.**
W. Bro. J. D. Stinson, Proxy.
- No. 52. **Dalhousie, Ottawa.**
W. Bro. W. H. Sproule, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May,
P.M.
- No. 54. **Vaughan, Maple.**
W. Bro. David W. Couper, W.M.; Bros. J. B. McLean,
S.W.; H. C. Bailey, J.W.; J. A. Macdonald, J. H. Kirby
and L. Richardson, P.M's.

- No. 55. Merrickville, Merrickville.**
R. W. Bro. Watchorn, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 56. Victoria, Sarnia.**
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- No. 357. Waterdown, Millgrove.**
W. Bro. B. G. Ryckman, W.M.; S. F. Smith and A. E. Smith, P.M's.
- No. 359. Vittoria, Vittoria.**
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- No. 360. Muskoka, Bracebridge.**
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- No. 364. Dufferin, Melbourne.**
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- No. 372. Palmer, Bridgburg.
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R. W. Bro. G. K. Dewey, Proxy.
- No. 388. Henderson, Ilderton.**
W. Bro. Peter Bowey, W.M.
- No. 389. Crystal Fountain, North Augusta.**
R. W. Bro. A. E. McLean, Proxy.
- No. 391. Howard, Ridgetown.**
W. Bro. D. Wilson, W.M.; Bro. J. W. Marshall, S.W.
- No. 392. Huron, Camlachie.**
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- No. 395. Parvaim, Comber.**
W. Bro. N. Gordon Ainslie, W.M.; A. J. Brown, P.M.
- No. 396. Cedar, Wiarton.**
Bro. S. E. Foster, S.W.; R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M.
- No. 398. Victoria, Kirkfield.**
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- No. 399. Moffat, Harrietsville.**
W. Bro. W. Doan, P.M., Proxy; J. H. O'Neil, J. Campbell, P.M's.
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- No. 402. Central, Essex.**
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- No. 403. Windsor, Windsor.**
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- No. 404. Lorne, Tamworth.**
W. Bro. C. R. Jones, W.M.; C. W. D. Clark, P.M.
- No. 405. Mattawa, Mattawa.**
W. Bro. C. W. Hoentschel, P.M., Proxy; J. Mackay and G. H. Rodd, P.M's.
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- No. 410. Zeta, Toronto.**
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R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, P.M., Proxy.
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W. Bro. J. T. Hollinshead, W.M.
- No. 418. Maxville, Maxville.**
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- No. 419. Bismarck, Point Edward.**
W. Bro. J. B. Livingston, W.M.; Bro. D. J. McDougall, S. W.
- No. 420. Nipissing, North Bay.**
W. Bro. S. Weegar, W.M.; Rev. A. J. F. Cobb, P.M.
- No. 421. Scott, Grand Valley.**
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Bros. R. H. Arthur, D. L. McKinnon, J. T. Gill, L. V.
Rorke, P.M's.

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W. Bro. H. B. Clems, W.M.

No. 429. Port Elgin, Port Elgin.

W. Bro. J. T. Lillie, P.M., Proxy.

No. 430. Acacia, East Toronto.

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Thos. Brownlee, W. Bros. W. H. Grant, John Richard-
son, W. R. Walters, W. J. Taylor, P.M's.

No. 431. Moravian, Eden Grove.

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No. 433. Bonnechere, Eganville.

R. W. Bro. John Wilson, Proxy.

No. 434. Algonquin, Emsdale.

W. Bro. J. Q. Adams, W.M.; A. E. Munn and R. McCon-
key, P.M's.

No. 435. Havelock, Havelock.

W. Bro. Elias Williams, P.M., Proxy.

No. 436. Burns, Hepworth.

W. Bro. John Sutherby, W.M.

No. 437. Tuscan, Sarnia.

W. Bro. Geo. P. Wenino, W.M.

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A. L. E. Davis, J.W.; R. W. Bros. G. C. Patterson,
E. C. Davies, V. W. Bros. J. Y. Egan, William Walker,
W. Bros. Thomas McQueen, W. H. Shaw and W. Amor,
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No. 440. Arcadia, Minden.

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Bro. J. W. Watson and D. J. Hartle, P.M's.

No. 441. Westport, Westport.

W. Bro. W. H. Harrison, Proxy.

No. 442. Dymment, Heshalon.

R. W. Bro. A. E. Dymment, P.M., Proxy; W. Bro. A. R.
Case, P.M.

No. 443. Powassan, Powassan.

W. Bro. D. Carmichael, W. M.

- No. 444. **Nitetis, Creemore.**
W. Bro. G. E. J. Brown, P.M., Proxy; W. Bro. J. Hood,
P. M.
- No. 445. **Lake of the Woods, Rat Portage.**
R. W. Bro. A. E. Dymont, proxy.
- No. 446. **Granite, Fort Francis.**
Bro. J. A. Smith, S.W.
- No. 447. **Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.**
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P. M.
- No. 448. **Xenophon, Wheatley.**
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- No. 449. **Dundalk, Dundalk.**
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- No. 450. **Somerville, Kinmount.**
Bro. P. W. Tomkins, J.W.
- No. 451. **Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury.**
W. Bro. D. J. Hartle, P. M., Proxy; A. H. Brandon,
P. M.
- No. 452. **Avonmore, Avonmore.**
W. Bro. W. C. Whittaker, M.D., W.M.
- No. 453. **Royal, Fort William.**
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- No. 454. **Corona, Burk's Falls.**
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- No. 455. **Doric, Little Current.**
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- No. 456. **Elma, Monkton.**
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- No. 458. **Wales, Wales.**
W. Bro. A. S. Wylie, W.M.
- No. 459. **Cobden, Cobden.**
W. Bro. Rev. M. H. Wilson, W.M.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled:

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

In this large and representative assembly I recognize many brethren who have been in regular attendance at our Annual Communications, but the greater number are for the first time in attendance, and to each one of you I extend a hearty and fraternal welcome to this the 48th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Let us unite in returning thanks to the Great Architect and Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the many blessings bestowed upon us and upon Canada our beloved country, during the past year. May He continue to guide and direct us in all our undertakings in the future as in the past, and may our proceedings be conducted with that love and harmony that should at all times characterize Free Masons.

MASONIC COURTESIES.

The members of the Board of General Purposes and a number of the brethren of Grand Lodge last year attended a steamboat excursion and reception tendered them by the M. W., the Grand Lodge of F. A. M. of the State of Michigan, who so warmly welcomed them and so bountifully provided for their entertainment that they convinced all that were privileged to be present that the Detroit River, which flows broad, deep and beautiful between the shores of our respective countries, is neither broad enough nor deep enough to divide the Masonic brotherhood of Michigan and Canada.

At our last Annual Communication at Windsor we were honored by a visit of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, accompanied by a number of the officers of his Grand Lodge. They were introduced by M. W. Bro. Stevenson in his usual felicitous manner and welcomed by the brethren with that fraternal warmth

that is always extended by the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada when favored with a visit from our Masonic brethren of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. We were also favored with a visit from the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, who was introduced by M. W. Bro. Walkem in elegant terms and received by Grand Lodge with so much warmth that R. W. Bro. Landrum was convinced that although we live in a cold climate our hearts are not affected thereby. Our R. W. Brother, since his visit, has been elected the Grand Master of his Grand Lodge, and was installed into that distinguished office by his father, a P. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Should our distinguished brother again visit us he is certain of a warm reception from the brethren of Grand Lodge.

In October last I received an invitation to attend the Sesqui Centennial celebration of the initiation of W. Bro. Geo. Washington into Masonry from the R. W. the Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania. I regret that my official duties prevented my attendance. The celebration was held in the Masonic Temple at the City of Philadelphia, and was a brilliant success, and was honored with the presence of Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, who delivered an address that should be read by every mason. I received a copy of the beautiful memorial volume issued containing a very complete account of the proceedings at the celebration.

In the month of February last I received an invitation to attend the celebration of the Semi-Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, but was unable to be present owing to pressure of Masonic and official duties.

BUSINESS ARISING LAST YEAR.

In the matter of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and St. George's Lodge, No. 367, I have been advised of the final settlement of this difficulty to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and that Corinthian Lodge, Rossland, has conferred the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees upon Bro. John Phillips. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia has returned the \$30.00 paid over by St. George's Lodge, which should be returned to that Lodge.

In the matter of Bro. Hotham vs. Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, I appointed a Commission in accordance

with the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals to try the appeal of Bro. Hotham against the Lodge. The Commission repaired to Exeter, and after hearing part of the appeal they succeeded in settling the matter amicably between the parties. The report of the Commission and all papers connected therewith are on file with the Grand Secretary. (See R. P., 1902, page 327, Cl. 7).

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. John Anderson vs. Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, I appointed a Commission in this case also, in accordance with the recommendation of the said Committee on Grievances and Appeals. The Commission repaired to the village of Arthur, and entered on their duties, and after hearing part of the evidence succeeded in effecting an amicable settlement. The report of the Commission and the papers relating thereto are on file with the Grand Secretary. (See R. P., page 367, Cl. 8).

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF DISTRICTS.

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the report on the address of the Acting Grand Master last year, I appointed a committee with M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C., as chairman, to enquire and report necessary changes to be made in the districts. The committee met, and after careful consideration of the whole matters, agreed upon their report which will be presented to you for consideration.

CONSTITUTING AND CONSECRATING NEW LODGES.

It has been my privilege to constitute and consecrate three new lodges during the year. Corona Lodge, No. 454, at the village of Burk's Falls in Nipissing District, No. 18, on the 16th day of September last. Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, at the village of Dundalk in the Georgian District, No. 9, on the 31st day of October last, and Royal Lodge, No. 453, at the town of Fort William, in Algoma District, No. 17, on the 25th day of May last. The rooms of those lodges were commodious and well furnished, and suitable for the proper exemplifications of the ceremonies of the Order. Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, at the village of Hawkesbury in the Ottawa District, No. 16, was constituted and consecrated by my deputy, R. W. Bro. Wilson, D. D. G. M. of that district, on the 9th day of January last, and will be referred to in his report as D. D. G. M. of that district.

DEDICATIONS.

On the 31st day of October last I dedicated the new lodge room of Spry Lodge, No. 385, at the village of Beeton, in the Georgian District, No. 9, assisted by the D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Cowan, and a large concourse of the brethren of the district.

On the 7th day of January last I dedicated the new Masonic Hall of the Seven Star Lodge at the village of Alliston in the 9th Masonic District, assisted by R. W. Bro. Cowan and a very large number of the brethren of the district. The building and lands on which it stands is the property of the lodge, which is well fitted up and furnished. The brethren of Seven Star Lodge are to be congratulated upon their public spirit.

On the 16th day of January last I dedicated the new and commodious lodge room of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay, in the Nipissing District No. 18. The lodge rooms are well furnished and well adapted for that purpose. A very large number of brethren of the district were in attendance, including R. W. Bro. Young, the most efficient and painstaking D. D. G. M. of the district. The courtesy and kindness of my brethren of the 18th District will long be remembered by me.

On the 10th day of February last I dedicated the new lodge rooms of Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls, in Niagara District No. 10, assisted by M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, P. G. M., R. W. Bro. Drope, the D. D. G. M. of that district, and a very large number of brethren of our own jurisdiction as well as a number from the adjoining State of New York. The rooms are commodious, well furnished and fitted up for Masonic purposes. This lodge has the credit of depositing the first amount to the credit of our Semi-Centennial Fund, collected at the banquet after the dedication.

On the 27th day of May last I dedicated the new lodge rooms of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, at the city of Sault Ste. Marie, in Algoma District, No. 17. I was assisted by a very large number of brethren from the surrounding district, although the night was stormy and disagreeable. The rooms are as well arranged, fitted up and furnished as any I have seen. The brethren of Keystone Lodge are to be congratulated on their enterprise. I am indebted to my brethren for their kindness in providing for my

comfort and for the opportunity to visit the Clergue Iron Works situate at this point.

CORNER STONES.

On the 13th day of August last I convened an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge to assist in laying the corner stone of St. James' Church at Fenelon Falls, in the Ontario Division No. 12. A large concourse of Masons from Peterborough, Lindsay, Minden, Kinmount, Bobcaygeon, as well as the members of the local lodge, the Spry, No. 406, were present and assisted in making the ceremony successful.

On the 8th day of September last an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge was convened at Glen Williams, in Hamilton District No. 8, to lay the corner stone of St. Alban's Chapel. A large number of brethren were present from Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Brampton, Oakville, and from the local lodge, Credit, No. 219, Georgetown, and assisted in this very successful ceremony.

On the 9th day of September last an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge was convened at the village of Cargill, in North Huron District No. 5, to assist in laying the corner stone of Holy Trinity Church at that place. A large number of the brethren assembled from Wiarton, (including the D.D.G.M. of the district, R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson), Kincardine, Southampton and Walkerton, as well as the brethren from the local lodge, Moravian, No. 431, Eden Grove. I desire to express my thanks to Bro. H. Cargill, M. P., for his princely hospitality to myself and the brethren on the occasion of our visit to the village of Cargill.

I was assisted in the above ceremonies by the R. W. the Grand Chaplain, who accompanied me at a considerable expense to himself.

On the 22nd day of May last I convened an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge at the Village of Wooler in the 13th Masonic District to assist in laying the corner stone of the Methodist Church in that village. A very large number of the Craft assembled on that occasion, delegations coming from the city of Belleville and the towns of Trenton and Campbellford and the surrounding district. The ceremony was most successful and cannot fail to increase the zeal of the brethren taking part therein.

On the 24th day of June last I convened an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge at the village of Bervie, in North Huron District, to assist my Deputy, R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, District Deputy Grand Master of that district, to lay the corner stone of the Presbyterian Church in that village.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

One hundred and fifteen dispensations were granted during the year, as follows: 16 to attend divine service, 58 to install, 1 to install the W. M., 1 to confer degrees, 1 to decorate the graves of deceased brethren, 5 to initiate out of jurisdiction, 17 to attend at-homes, 1 to cure irregularity in initiation, 2 to elect officers, 1 to install and confer degrees, 2 to allow lodges to occupy temporary quarters, 2 to change nights of meeting, 2 to elect and install, 1 to attend a ball, 2 to attend receptions, 1 to confer the 3rd degree, and 1 to attend a memorial service.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

Dispensations for the formation of new lodges have been granted as follows:

1902, July 31st, Wales Lodge, Wales, in St. Lawrence District No. 15.

1902, August 19th, Cobden Lodge, Cobden, Ottawa District No. 16.

1903, April 4th, Rideau Lodge, Seeley's Bay, Frontenac District No. 14.

1903, May 29th, Ionic Lodge, Rainy River, Algoma District No. 17.

1903, June 9th, Temiskaming Lodge, New Liskeard, in the Nipissing District.

MASONIC RECEPTION.

On the 4th of March last I attended a reception tendered me by the lodges of the city of London. This function was most enjoyable and successful, our London brethren rightfully considering that the countenance and support of their lady friends would greatly add to the enjoyment of the occasion. The singing was of a high order of merit, and the dancing seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks are due to my London brethren

for their hearty and enthusiastic welcome and kind attention during my visit to the home of my youth.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Believing in the great utility of Lodges of Instruction, I visited and assisted at eleven held at the following times and places, viz.:

Guelph, 16th October, 1902, District No. 7.
 Stratford, 10th December, 1902, District No. 4.
 Bracebridge, 14th January, 1903, District No. 18.
 North Bay, 16th January, 1903, District No. 18.
 Waterford, 11th February, 1903, District No. 6.
 Kingston, 18th February, 1903, District No. 14.
 Chatham, 27th February, 1903, District No. 1.
 Strathroy, 6th March, 1903, District No. 2.
 Shelburne, 13th March, 1903, District No. 9.
 Dunnville, 9th April, 1903, District No. 10.
 Ottawa, 12th May, 1903, District No. 16.

These Lodges of Instruction were attended by great numbers of brethren filled with a zeal for instruction, and much good was accomplished, not only in bringing about greater uniformity, but also in cultivating the social relations among the brethren of the local lodges. The District Deputy Grand Masters of the above districts were indefatigable in their efforts to make these lodges successful and deserved the success that attended them. At Stratford, my old home, the lodge was a joint Lodge of Instruction for South Huron No. 4 and North Huron No. 5, and the District Deputies of the two districts are to be congratulated on the very great success of their joint lodge. We were favored with the presence of M. W. Bro. Murray, R. W. Bro. Allen, Deputy G. M., R. W. Bro. McWhinney and R. W. Bro. Essery, D. D. G. M. of the 3rd Masonic District. At Ottawa we were favored with the presence of M. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, M. P., P. G. M. of Nova Scotia, and M. W. Bro. the Hon. William Ross, for many years the Grand Secretary of that G. L.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO LODGES.

It has been my privilege to visit every portion of the jurisdiction during the year. The pleasure experienced by me in meeting my brethren face to face in their lodges and their unvarying kindness to me on all occasions will

ever remain a sweet memory, and for the many acts of thoughtful kindness of my brethren throughout the jurisdiction I desire to extend my heartfelt thanks.

I will only mention three particularly happy and notable evening visits:

The first was Irish night at Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto, with R. W. Bro. Collins in command, supported by his most efficient staff of officers, all P. M.'s, and all imbued with the spirit of their W. M. This night will long be remembered by the brethren who were privileged to be present, even our visitors from the U. S. R. W. Bro. Kilvington and Bros. Kenaston and Fox were anxious to claim connection with the Green Isle. The meeting was a great success, every detail being carried out with the greatest precision.

The second was Scotch night at St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto, with W. Bro. McKinnon in command, supported by the efficient and well disciplined staff of officers of the lodge. As in the case of Doric Lodge, the brethren of St. John's had everything arranged like clock work, and the large assembly of the brethren in attendance showed the popularity of the lodge. The bright Tartan of the officers and a number of the brethren in Scottish dress, set off against the evening dress of the majority of brethren, made a most effective picture. I think I never fully appreciated the dignity of my office until I was introduced into the lodge, preceded by the Director of Ceremonies in full highland dress, and five pipers in full costume blowing for all they were worth. Everything provided by the brethren was of the best, and the haggis was claimed to be the king of all.

The third was Grand Master's night at Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, where the first degree was conferred upon a candidate by myself, assisted by the P. G. Masters, who filled every position except that of Deacon, which was filled by the Deputy Grand Master. If the conferring of the degree was not a brilliant success, I can assure my brethren that the banquet at the Hotel Royal, presided over by M. W. Bro. the Hon. Wm. Gibson, was a decided one. Everything provided was of the best, and the brethren of Barton Lodge are to be congratulated on the success of their undertaking.

DECISIONS.

I have been called upon to decide a number of questions submitted to me during the year, none of them of sufficient importance to mention.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

I can only repeat what is stated in my address of last year. It remains for the Grand Lodge to make any change they may think proper. I have strictly adhered to the laws as laid down in that address.

FINANCES.

For information as to the condition of our finances I refer you to the report of the M. W. the Grand Treasurer, from which you will see that the total receipts to the 30th May last, the end of our financial year, were \$26,724.61; total expenditure \$22,807.80, leaving a surplus of \$3,916.72. There was a balance in the Bank of Commerce, after the investment of \$8,000 in the city of Brantford debentures, of \$13,829.66 on the 30th of May last, and during June and July up to date there has been deposited \$10,126.25, and I recommend the permanent investment of \$12,000 in good municipal debentures.

BENEVOLENCE.

During the year Grand Lodge expended the large sum of \$11,880 for benevolence to the members of the Craft in this jurisdiction in addition to the sum expended by the private lodges.

DEATHS.

Our beloved brother, J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, was unable to be present at our last Annual Communication, owing to ill health. His friends and the brethren were hopeful that rest and careful nursing would restore him to health. Our hopes were doomed to disappointment. He appeared to be improving for some time, but gradually became weaker as that fell disease consumption fastened its fangs upon him. In January last alarming symptoms developed, and from that time until his death our brother was confined to his room, and the greater part of the time to his bed. On the 15th day of June last, at the call of the G. A. O. T. U., our

brother ceased from labor and entered into his rest. He was buried with ceremonies of the Order under the auspices of his Mother Lodge, Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton. The Grand Lodge, the lodges of the city of Hamilton, and a large number of the brethren from Toronto and other portions of the jurisdiction were present at the ceremony, including the following distinguished brethren: Past G. Masters of the Grand Lodge of Canada, viz.: M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. K. Kerr, Hugh Murray, Esq., J. Ross Robertson, Esq., the Hon. J. M. Gibson, the Hon. Wm. Gibson and E. T. Malone, K. C., who assisted in the ceremony at the house and grave of our departed brother. Our late brother for many years was connected with the active militia of the country, and at the time of his death had the rank of Major and held the responsible position of paymaster in the 13th Regiment of Volunteer Militia of Canada. The coffin containing the body of our deceased brother was wrapped in the folds of the flag of our country, his sword and helmet deposited thereon and placed upon a gun carriage and borne to the grave by his companions in arms, escorted by the 13th Regiment headed by their magnificent band. The City Council, the officers of St. George's Society, and a vast concourse of the citizens of Hamilton from every walk in life were in attendance, and not only filled Christ Church Cathedral, where the religious ceremonies were held, but thronged the streets in the vicinity and at the cemetery, showing the respect and esteem in which our late brother was held by his fellow-citizens. The solemn services for the dead were conducted by His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara and the cathedral clergy, and will be long remembered by the brethren and others in attendance. When our late brother was appointed Grand Secretary by M. W. Bro. Wilson, on the 21st day of August, 1874, after the death of R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, the first Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, there were 14,530 members on the register of Grand Lodge, and an annual income of \$13,532.49, and an expenditure for benevolence of \$5,625. He was elected at the next Annual Communication and re-elected annually until his death, generally unanimously. During the period of twenty-nine years the affairs of Grand Lodge were conducted to the entire satisfaction of the Craft in the jurisdiction, and our prosperity is attested by our report of 1902, showing 367 active war-

ranted lodges, with 28,481 members, and an income of \$25,341.25 and an expenditure for benevolence of \$12,345. I trust Grand Lodge will show its appreciation of the life work of our departed brother in some substantial manner.

Besides the loss of our Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge is called upon to mourn the loss of many of its members during the past year, including the following:

R. W. Bro. John S. Tennant, M. D., P. M. Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow, P. D. D. G. M. North Huron District, No. 5, who departed this life on the 11th September, 1902.

R. W. Bro. A. B. Jardine, P. M. New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler, P. D. D. G. M. Wellington District, No. 7, on the 21st day of February, 1903.

R. W. Bro. Judge Creasor, K. C., P. M. North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound, P. D. D. G. M. Georgian District, No. 9, on March 10th, 1903.

V. W. Bro. Joseph E. Beeton, P. M. Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines, P. G. S., 25th January, 1903.

Many distinguished brethren in our sister jurisdictions have ceased from labor and entered into rest, and we tender our sincere and earnest sympathy to the brethren of the several Grand Lodges that have been afflicted. The following have been reported to me:

M. W. Bro. Lavant M. Reid, P. G. M., and representative of our Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Vermont, who died the 19th of June, 1902.

M. W. Bro. Andrew N. Callaham, P. G. M., G. L. of Kansas, who died at Topeka in that State on July 13th, 1903.

M. W. Bro. James M. Hilliard, P. G. M., of Florida, who died at Pensacola in that State on 26th July, 1902.

M. W. Bro. Milton Levesy, P. G. M., of Rhode Island, who died at Providence in that State on August 6th, 1902.

M. W. Bro. Reuben Johnston Laughlin, P. G. M., of Arkansas, who died at Bentonville in that State on the 13th of August, 1902.

R. W. Bro. Lindsey McKersey, representative of our Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

M. W. Bro. Albert Lackey, P. G. M., of Nevada, who died at Oakland, California, on the 15th day of August, 1902.

R. W. Bro. Abraham Halsted Ellis, G. J. W. of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, who died at Topeka in that State 25th September, 1902.

R. W. Bro. Summer J. Chadbourne, representative of our Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Maine, who died October 1st, 1902.

M. W. Bro. John Walter Nix, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, who died on the 12th day of October, 1902.

M. W. Bro. Segundo Alvarez y Gonegalez, ex-Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Havana, Cuba, who died in that city on the 14th of October, 1902.

M. W. Bro. Henry Lyman Fish, P. G. M., G. L. Nevada, who died at the city of Reno in that State, October 21st, 1902.

M. W. Bro. Josiah Hayden Drummond, P. G. M., of Maine, who died at the city of Portland, in that State, the 25th day of October, 1902. By the death of Bro. Drummond our brethren of Maine have lost the wise counsel of one of the most distinguished Masons on this continent.

M. W. Bro. Clinton F. Paige, P. G. M., of the State of New York, who died at Binghamton in that State on the 13th day of November, 1902.

M. W. Bro. Harry Pelham Howes Bromwell, P. G. M., of Illinois, who died on January 9th, 1903.

R. W. Bro. Wylie M. Egan, representative of our Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Illinois, who died the 12th day of February, 1903.

M. W. Bro. Stillman White, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, who died April 30th, 1903.

R. W. Bro. Jefferson S. Conover, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Michigan.

M. W. Bro. John Lloyd Spinks, P. G. M., G. L. of Mississippi, died 25th of April, 1903.

M. W. Bro. John Campbell Yocum, Grand Master of Grand Lodge Missouri, who died 26th of April, 1903.

M. W. Bro. De Forest Richards, P. G. M., of the G. L. of Wyoming, who died the 20th of April, 1903.

M. W. Bro. Bernard Francis Price, P. G. M., G. L. of Tennessee, died 4th May, 1903.

M. W. Bro. James M. Moberly, P. G. M., G. L. of Georgia, died 9th May, 1903.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

No doubt many of my brethren are familiar with the events leading up to the establishment of our Grand Lodge on the 10th day of October, A. D., 1855. At that time the larger number of lodges in the Province of Upper and Lower Canada adhered to the Provincial Grand Lodge E. R., and strenuously opposed the Grand Lodge of Canada, and tried to discredit us with the neighboring Grand Lodges at the same time that they were endeavoring to procure the consent of the parent lodge, the United Grand Lodge of England, to their establishing an independent Grand Lodge. After repeated trials they were unable to disturb the inertia of that Grand Lodge, and driven to desperation by the callous neglect of the Grand Lodge of England, they cast off their allegiance and established a Grand Lodge named the Ancient Grand Lodge. This at once placed them in a false position, as they thereby admitted the right of the Grand Lodge of Canada to establish a Grand Lodge, and placed themselves in the position of establishing an irregular Grand Lodge in territory already occupied. It speedily became apparent that this condition of affairs was detrimental to the best interests of Masonry, and efforts were made to terminate the discord and bring about the amalgamation of the two Grand bodies, resulting in each body appointing a committee for that purpose. The committee met, and after protracted negotiations agreed upon a basis of settlement. On the 14th of July, 1858, both Grand bodies met in the city of Toronto, and after unanimously adopting the resolution agreed upon by the joint committee, the Ancient Grand Lodge repaired to the room in which the Grand Lodge of Canada was in session, were announced, entered and were welcomed by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and in joint session once more unanimously adopted the Resolutions of Union, when the Ancient Grand Lodge was declared dissolved, and the members of both lodges were incorporated in the Grand Lodge of Canada, thus ending all difficulty and giving our Grand Lodge undisputed jurisdiction in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada. At the union there were in the Grand Lodge of Canada 59 lodges, with 1,266 members, 6 lodges not having made returns, and in the Ancient Grand Lodge 49 lodges with 976 members, 19 lodges not making returns, or a total of 106

lodges with 2,242 members. On the 15th day of July, 1858, the first Grand Master of a Grand Lodge with undisputed jurisdiction in Canada was elected in this city. M. W. Bro. William Wilson, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, being the unanimous choice of the brethren, and R. W. Bro. Thomas Gibbs Ridout, of the Ancients, being the unanimous choice for the Deputy Grand Master. Harmony being restored, the Craft began to grow in numbers and resources, and in 1867, when I first became a member of Grand Lodge, there were 197 members in attendance, representing 193 lodges, with 7,000 members, and a revenue of \$6,923.86; and in 1893 there were 349 lodges, with 22,530 members, and a revenue of \$19,991.15; and in 1903, ten years later, the figures were 377 lodges, with over 30,000 members, and an annual revenue of \$26,724.61, and an actual expenditure for benevolence of \$11,880. Of the 224 members of the United Grand Lodge at the present meeting in Toronto in 1858, only four survive: M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M. then J. W., St. George's Lodge, No. 13, Montreal; M. W. Bro. Tully, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; R. W. Bro. Æmilius Irving, K. C., P. D. D. G. M. of Huron District, then W. M. of Alma Lodge, No. 39, Galt, and W. Bro. H. Corson, of Markham.

Having experienced the support and protection of the Supreme Architect and Ruler of the Universe for so many years, it is proper that we should show our gratitude for the many blessings which we have enjoyed. I therefore propose to my brethren that we celebrate our Semi-Centennial in such a manner as to bring comfort and consolation to a number of our sorely afflicted brethren and their dependents. Although our expenditure thus far for benevolence has been munificent, there are still a number of our brethren so afflicted that they cannot be properly cared for without an increase of the funds at the disposal of our benevolent committee. In order that this condition of affairs may be remedied in the easiest and most permanent form, I propose that we establish a fund of \$100,000, and the interest arising from the investment to be appropriated to extreme cases, \$200 to be the limit in any one case of a beneficiary on this fund. I estimate that the investment will realize \$4,000 at least yearly, enough for twenty annuities of \$200 each. In

order to create this fund it will only be necessary for each brother in the jurisdiction to contribute \$1.00 per year for three years. I propose that Grand Lodge call upon every Subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction to collect from each of its members \$1.00 per year over and above the yearly dues, for a period of three years, and that the yearly collection be transmitted to the Grand Secretary on or before the 10th day of October in each year, until the 10th October, 1905, the money to be raised by voluntary subscription among the members if possible. It has been suggested that there may be some of our brethren so circumstanced that even \$1.00 a year would be a hardship. In such cases it is expected that the other members of the lodge, or the lodge itself, would pay the amount and thus exemplify one of the teachings of Masonry in a practical manner. This fund should be kept separate and apart from all other funds of Grand Lodge, and the interest reserved for the special benefit of extreme cases of distress.

The Grand Treasurer has already received a contribution and has opened a separate account for the Semi-Centennial Fund, and several lodges have their first year's contributions ready to transmit to the Grand Secretary so soon as approval of Grand Lodge is obtained. It is to be desired that every brother should contribute to this fund so that all may feel that they have contributed to the relief of their brethren in distress, as I fully believe that the benefit is not all to the receiver but very often is quite as much with the giver. I would suggest the election of Trustees, whose duty it would be to invest this fund from time to time in strictly first class securities. The mode of election, number of trustees and period for which such trustees would be elected, to be determined by Grand Lodge. I venture to affirm that, should this undertaking be carried through, it will give more satisfaction to my brethren than any amount of junketing and after-dinner oratory. I have in my visitations throughout the jurisdiction placed this matter fairly before the brethren, who have in every instance endorsed it with such enthusiasm as has encouraged me to persevere. Brethren, let us celebrate our Semi-Centennial in a manner unique on this continent. I see by the Free Mason (English) that the Grand Lodge of England grants 500 annuities of from 32 pounds to 40 pounds per year.

GRAND SECRETARY AND GRAND TREASURER.

On the 16th day of June last I appointed M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray Grand Secretary, until the next regular communication to fill the vacancy created by the death of M. W. Bro. Mason, he having first resigned the office of Grand Treasurer, to which office I appointed M. W. Bro. the Hon. Wm. Gibson for the like term. I can fully testify to the careful, satisfactory and efficient manner in which both officers have performed their duties. On my many visits to the Grand Secretary's office during the past year, I became convinced that the business of this Grand Lodge has increased to such an extent as to require the undivided attention of the Grand Secretary, and that the brother to be elected by you at this communication should be required to retire from all private and public business whatsoever, and devote himself entirely to the duties of Masonry.

AUDITORS.

On the 9th day of February, 1903, I visited the city of Hamilton, and upon enquiry I became convinced that there was no probability of the recovery of M. W. Bro. Mason, and that he would very likely never be able to attend to the duties of his office. I thought best to make careful investigation, and understand fully the condition of affairs. I first obtained the bond of the Grand Secretary, and found it to be practically worthless, and at once communicated with the manager of the Guarantee Company, and after some correspondence with him secured such amendments as to make it somewhat better. I then placed R. W. Bro. Gunn in charge of the cash, which was received almost daily at the office, M. W. Bro. Mason executing a power of attorney in his favor, enabling him to endorse for deposit all such checks and postoffice orders received payable to the order of the Grand Secretary. I also directed him to make daily deposits of the cash, and directed him to audit the books until this Annual Communication, and to make a careful audit of the Grand Secretary's books for the two years previous, which he has completed. He also, as instructed, furnished me with a weekly memorandum of the amounts received each week and deposited to the credit of Grand Lodge. The Grand Treasurer also supplied me with a weekly memorandum

of his deposits. Considering the amount of the financial dealings of the Grand Lodge, I would recommend the permanent employment of a competent auditor, who would be required to make weekly audits and report to the head of the Craft at least once each month. I have also instructed our bankers who have charge of our securities not to deliver them out to any one excepting on the written order of the G. M. and President of the Board of General Purposes, and instructed him to collect the interest and coupons and carry the collections to the credit of the account of the Grand Lodge.

INVESTMENT OF SURPLUS FUNDS.

The present method of investing our funds might be improved upon, as large funds remain in the banks in our general account which should be properly invested. I would suggest that the whole matter be inquired into and rules laid down as to our investment and the nature and quality of the investment that should be made. The present method is cumbrous and practically leaves the matter in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

I think the time has arrived when Grand Lodge should set apart a portion of its funds for benevolent purposes only, and that the Masonic Asylum Fund should be added to the Benevolent Fund, the interest being used for benevolence. Most certainly the contributors to that fund never intended that the Grand Lodge should transfer the fund to their general account. This fund should be kept separate from all other funds as was intended by the contributors.

CONDITION OF CRAFT.

It is my privilege to report that our relations with the several Grand Lodges with whom we are in correspondence are of the most harmonious and fraternal character. In this jurisdiction the Craft has prospered abundantly. The brethren are united, earnest and full of zeal for the furtherance of the interests of the Order. Our membership is increasing rapidly, and so far as I can judge the material is of the best. Those that I have seen are of the best class of intelligent young Canadians of good moral character. Those—

Who know another's rights and know their own,
And bound their wishes by just claims alone.

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

This Association is deserving of every encouragement, and I cheerfully recommend the continuance of our affiliation with it.

CONCLUSION.

My relations with the officers and members of Grand Lodge have been of the most cordial and fraternal character, and I desire to thank them and every member of the Craft for their uniform courtesy and kindness upon all occasions. Especially am I indebted to the Deputy Grand Master and the District Deputy Grand Masters of the several districts in the jurisdiction. No Grand Master could be favored with a more efficient and zealous band of workers thoroughly equipped for the important duties they are called upon to perform. They have earned the respect and affection of their brethren in their districts, and I feel that the Craft is indebted to their zeal for much of its prosperity during the year.

Brethren, the record of the year is before you. The work has sometimes been difficult to perform, but it has been made pleasant by the tokens of love and affection constantly received from my brethren. And now, brethren, let us earnestly devote ourselves to the labors of the session with an eye single to the interest of our beloved order, and after our labors are completed may we all return in safety to our several homes.

JOHN E. HARDING,
Grand Master.

Dated at Lindsay this 15th day of July, 1903.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson and

Resolved, That the the address of the R. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

ADDRESS OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

Having been elected Deputy Grand Master, an honor which I appreciate very highly, and for which I sincerely thank you, it is now my duty to render an account of my stewardship.

During the year I have attended one hundred and thirty-five Masonic meetings, forty-two in my official capacity as Deputy Grand Master. Three of these were outside the jurisdiction, and to all of them I shall briefly refer.

My first official act after the meeting of Grand Lodge, and before leaving for the Pacific coast, was the signing of three hundred and eighty-four cheques for benevolence, a very pleasant duty.

My first visit was made at the request of the brethren of Victoria, British Columbia, to Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, on the evening of 20th August, when I was introduced by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. R. G. Brett, and received with grand honors. It was also my privilege to meet M. W. Bro. E. E. Chipman, Grand Master, M. W. Bros. Wm. Downie and H. H. Watson, Past Grand Masters, and many of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and I was requested by Most Worshipful Bro. Chipman to convey to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and brethren of this Grand Lodge their fraternal greetings.

At the invitation of the brethren of Rat Portage, through R. W. Bro. J. K. Bryden, D. D. G. M., I had arranged to pay a visit on the evening of September 2nd, but owing to the Masonic Hall having been burned down the temporary hall in which the brethren had been meeting was not available for that evening, and arrangements were made for September 3rd. This meeting I was compelled to cancel, as I had arranged to be in Fort William on the following evening.

On September 4th I was met at Fort William by W. Bro. McLaren and the brethren of Royal and Fort William Lodges, and enjoyed a very pleasant sail on the lake

and river, followed by dinner at the C. P. R. hotel Kaministiquia, at which about forty of the brethren were present. In the evening I visited Royal Lodge and witnessed the work of the second degree by W. Bro. McLaren and his officers, and I have no hesitation in saying that their work would have been creditable in a Lodge of Instruction. This lodge is to be congratulated in possessing such enthusiastic brethren as W. Bro. F. C. Perry, Bro. McNaughton and others. W. Bro. Hollingshead, W. M. of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, worked the third degree in a very creditable manner.

On September 9th I visited Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie, and witnessed the conferring of the first and second degrees by Bro. W. H. Thompson and his officers, the work being well done. W. Bro. Thompson, being mayor of the town, is a busy man, and is to be congratulated on having the assistance of a fine set of officers. The attendance was large, and the brethren evinced a desire to learn all they could about the working of the Craft in other parts of the jurisdiction, and your Deputy Grand Master was only too pleased to be of any service to them. I am indebted to W. Bro. J. D. H. Browne, Bros. McGrae, Lyon and Fripp for much kindness shown me during my visit.

On September 23rd, Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto, tendered a reception to R. W. Bros. A. F. Webster, E. B. Brown and myself. The welcome extended by V. W. Bro. Ponton (who was acting Worshipful Master in the absence of W. Bro. A. Y. Scott, since deceased), and the brethren of the lodge was such as I shall never forget. This being my mother lodge, as well as that of R. W. Bro. Webster, I shall not refer to this meeting at length. I had on my right and left, in the persons of R. W. Bros. Webster and Brown, representatives of the Grand Master, of whom this Grand Lodge may well be proud, brethren who have performed every duty imposed upon them with dignity, courtesy and firmness. The attendance on this occasion was very large, and I can truthfully say, "there is no place like home."

I do not think it advisable to take up the time of this Grand Lodge by giving detailed information of each official visit, as in many cases the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was present, and in others his Deputy for the district. I shall therefore only give the dates of my visits,

the name, number and location of the lodges, and such special information as I think desirable.

On October 7th I visited Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto; October 10th, Acacia, No. 61, Hamilton; October 24th, Zetland, No. 326, Toronto; November 4th, Stanley, No. 426, Toronto Junction; November 6th, Rehoboam, No. 65, Toronto; November 27th, Maple Leaf, No. 103, St. Catharines; November 28th, Zeta, No. 410, Toronto; November 26th, St. George, No. 367, Toronto, "At Home"; December 2nd, Ionic, No. 25, Toronto; December 3rd, Northern Light, No. 93, Kincardine; December 6th, Georgina, No. 343, Toronto; December 10, Lodge of Instruction, Stratford; December 18th, Doric, No. 316, Toronto; December 22nd, Harmony, No. 438, Toronto; December 29th, Alpha, No. 384, Toronto; December 30th, Ashlar, No. 247, Toronto; January 23rd, Zetland, No. 326, Toronto, "At Home"; January 26th, Harmony, No. 438, Toronto, "At Home"; January 30th, Ashlar, No. 247, Toronto; February 17th, Ionic, No. 229, Brampton; February 24th, Ashlar, No. 247, Toronto; February 26th, the Barton, No. 6, Hamilton; February 27th, Zetland, No. 326, Toronto; March 4th, St. John's, No. 75, Toronto; March 5th, The Ancient St. Johns, No. 3, Kingston; March 9th, Royal Albert, Montreal; April 6th, St. Johns, No. 75, Toronto; April 7th, Galt, No. 257, Galt; April 17th, York, No. 156, Eglington; May 5th, Vaughan, No. 54, Maple; May 7th, Doric, No. 424, Pickering; May 19th, Wilson, No. 86, Toronto; June 10th, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Halifax; June 24th, St. George, No. 367, Toronto; June 28th, St. James Cathedral, Toronto, Divine service. This is a list of my official visits, and in each lodge I was received with due honors.

My visit to Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, was appreciated by the brethren, and they would have been much disappointed had not some of the Grand Lodge Officers been present, as the December meeting has for years been made the occasion of a visit from the Grand Master or a Past Grand Master.

The Past Grand Master's night in The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, will be long remembered, and I felt honored at being asked to act as Junior Deacon at this meeting, when all the other offices were filled by the Most Worshipful the Grand and Past Grand Masters.

The reception given me as Deputy Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, by the brethren of the Royal Albert Lodge, Montreal, was such as might be expected from those who compose the membership of this lodge. I was much pleased when our beloved M. W. Bro. Col. Stevenson arrived in the banquet room just in time to respond to the toast of this Grand Lodge, and we all know that the toast would not suffer at his hands, particularly in a lodge of which he is also a member.

On the occasion of my visit to Galt Lodge, No. 257, I witnessed the first degree conferred by W. Bro. F. S. Jarvis, the candidate being his son, and I congratulate the Worshipful brother, not only on this initiation, but on having initiated many good men who will bring honor to the Craft, and whose speeches on the evening of my visit showed me the class of men who had been admitted during the year.

By special invitation I visited the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in the city of Halifax on the 10th June. I was introduced by M. W. Bro. Cossman, Past Grand Master, received with grand honors, and welcomed by M. W. Bro. L. P. Archibald, who, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, requested me to convey to the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada, their fraternal greetings, and to express their pleasure at hearing of the success which has attended this Grand Lodge and the amount annually expended for benevolence, and the hope that this great prosperity may continue in the years to come.

I have been honored with many invitations during the year, which I was reluctantly compelled to decline. Some came from without this jurisdiction, notably that of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, to attend the Sesqui Centennial of the initiation of Bro. George Washington, an invitation I would have gladly accepted were it at all possible. It has always given me pleasure to meet my brethren of other jurisdictions. I have spent many exceedingly pleasant days with my brethren of the United States, and I am convinced that nothing can more firmly cement the ties of brotherhood than visits of this kind. I desire to express thanks to the Memorial Committee for a beautiful copy of the proceedings of such an interesting event.

I cannot close this report without expressing my thanks to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the courtesy shown me by him throughout the year, and the

pleasure it has given me to work in conjunction with him for the advancement of the interests of the Craft. I am also indebted to M. W. Bro. Murray for his kindness and promptness in answering my enquiries since he was placed in the position of Grand Secretary, and at a time when so much work had to be done; also to R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, a brother with whom I have had much to do, and who has never failed to discharge his duty with promptness and courtesy; and to the representatives of the Grand Master in the various districts for the many kind invitations I have had to attend meetings in their districts, many of which I could not accept.

And now, my brethren, if my work has met with your approval I am amply repaid. I thank you for the honor you conferred upon me in electing me as your Deputy Grand Master. My aim has never been to get office, but it has always been to deserve well of my brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

BENJAMIN ALLEN,

Deputy Grand Master.

Moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. Gibson, and

Resolved, That the address of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master be referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's address.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I beg to present to Grand Lodge my annual report containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year and the expenditure made, with returns of subordinate lodges as at the 24th June, 1903, and ledger balances as at the 31st May, 1903, together with, by instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, a record of the Especial Communications summoned, dispensations issued, by-laws and amendments thereto approved, Grand Representatives appointed, and other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master.

RECEIPTS.

Certificates	\$ 4,238 00
Dues	14,232 25
Fees	2,477 50
Dispensations	326 00
Warrants	70 00
Constitutions	747 50
Commutation of dues	620 00
Miscellaneous	110 00
Interest	3,903 36

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Grand Secretary	\$ 2,000 00
Salary of Grand Secretary's Assistant	800 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer	200 00
Salary of Stenographer	300 00
Masonic Hall Association, rent	175 00
Masonic Relief Association, subscription	130 00
M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, travelling expenses :	
1901-02 ..	250 00
1902-03 ..	500 00
Expenses, benevolence investigation	525 15
Spectator Printing Co., printing	2,000 28
Balance of incidentals to May 31, 1902	109 55
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals	600 00
Expenses of Board of General Purposes	1,099 30
Chairman Board of Benevolence, postage	30 00
McPherson & Drope, printing	506 50
A. C. Turnbull, stationery	80 96
Copp, Clark Co., certificates	606 50
E. Gardener, surveyor	30 00
Ambrose, Kent & Co., dedication implements	31 50
Stephen Grant, oil cloth with Masonic emblems	7 00
R. Duncan & Co., binding	13 40
W. J. Quinlan, G. Secretary of British Columbia	55 00

Carried Forward .. \$26,724.61

Carried forward..... \$10,050.14

Brought forward.....\$26,724 61

Brought forward.....\$10,050.14

R. C. Gallagher, re G. L. of B. C. and St. George Lodge 367.....	155 00
Expenses Grand Lodge at Windsor	229 42
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond..	50 00
Committee on For- eign Correspond- ence.....	100 00
D. F. Macwatt, ex- penses commis- sion, re Lodge No. 334.....	31 00
D. F. Macwatt, ex- penses commis- sion, re Lodge No. 133.....	10 50
Jas. Jolley & Son, regalia case for Grand Master....	15 00
R. Holmes, type- written copy of minutes.....	25 00
W. C. Brent, accru- ed interest on de- bentures.....	13 63
Expenses meeting of Investment Com- mittee.....	34 35
Premium on \$8,000 Brantford deben- ture.....	173 60
Alex. Cowan, ex- penses commis- sion re St. George's Lodge 88.....	22 75
Insurance on Grand Lodge regalia....	17 50
Orders on Fund of Benevolence.....	11,880 00

\$26,724 61

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ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, Especial Communications of Grand Lodge were held as follows :

On the 13th August, 1902, at Fenelon Falls, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. James'

Episcopal Church, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 8th September, 1902, at Glen Williams, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. Alban's Chapel, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 9th September, 1902, at Cargill, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of Holy Trinity Church, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 16th September, 1902, at Burk's Falls, for the purpose of constituting, consecrating and dedicating Corona Lodge, No. 454, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 31st October, 1902, at Dundalk, for the purpose of constituting, consecrating and dedicating Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 31st October, 1902, at Beeton, for the purpose of dedicating the new rooms of Spry Lodge, No. 385, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 7th January, 1903, at Alliston, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall of Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 9th January, 1903, at Hawkesbury, for the purpose of constituting, consecrating and dedicating Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, R. W. Bro. John Wilson, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 16th January, 1903, at North Bay, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 10th February, 1903, at Niagara Falls, for the purpose of dedicating the new rooms of Clifton Lodge, No. 254, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, officiating.

On the 22nd May, 1903, at Wooler, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Methodist Church, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 25th May, 1903, at Fort William, for the purpose of constituting, consecrating and dedicating Royal Lodge No. 453, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 27th May, 1903, at Sault Ste. Marie, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Keystone Lodge, No.

412, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 24th June, 1903, at Bervie, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Presbyterian Church, R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, D. D. G. M. officiating.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

Wales Lodge, Wales, St. Lawrence District No. 15, dispensation dated 31st July, 1902.

Cobden Lodge, Cobden, Ottawa District No. 16, dispensation dated 19th August, 1902.

Rideau Lodge, Seeley's Bay, Frontenac District No. 14, dispensation dated 4th April, 1903.

Ionic Lodge, Rainy River, Algoma District No. 17, dispensation dated 29th May, 1903.

Temiscaming Lodge, New Liskeard, Nipissing District No. 18, dispensation dated 9th June, 1903.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Masters of the respective Grand Lodges, the M. W. the Grand Master has made the following appointments, viz :

R. W. Bro. James Grierson, Townhead, Strathaven, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in place of R. W. Bro. Lindsay Mackersy, deceased.

R. W. Benjamin L. Hadley, Bar Harbor, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine in place of R. W. Bro. S. J. Chadbourne, deceased.

R. W. Bro. Geo. B. Wheeler, Bellows Falls, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Vermont, in place of M. W. Bro. L. M. Read, deceased.

W. Bro. Alex. B. Taylor, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, in place of R. W. Bro. Charles F. Jackson, deceased.

R. W. Bro. S. O. Spring, Peoria, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in place of R. W. Bro. W. M. Egan, deceased.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, the following appointments have been made, viz :

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Toronto, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in place of R. W. Bro. Wm Smeaton, who has left the jurisdiction.

R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton, as representative of

the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in place of R. W. Bro. John Creasor, deceased.

LODGE BYLAWS.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and confirmed the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz :

1902.	27th Aug ...	Spry Lodge.....	No. 385, Beeton.
"	27th Aug....	Nipissing Lodge.....	" 420, North Bay.
"	3rd Nov....	Merritt Lodge.....	" 168, Welland.
"	5th Nov....	Harriston Lodge.....	" 262, Harriston.
"	21st Nov....	Corona Lodge.....	" 454, Burk's Falls.
"	21st Nov....	Manitoba Lodge.....	" 236, Cookstown.
"	16th Dec....	Somerville Lodge.....	" 451, Kinmount.
1903.	19th Jan....	Brant Lodge.....	" 45, Brantford.
"	9th Feb....	St. John's Lodge.....	" 209a, London.
"	21st Feb....	Hawkesbury Lodge.....	" 450, Hawkesbury.
"	17th March..	Chesterville Lodge.....	" 320, Chesterville.
"	22nd April..	Royal Lodge.....	" 453, Fort William.
"	25th June..	Go'den Rule Lodge.....	" 126, Campbellford.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and confirmed amendments to the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz :

1902.	22nd July..	Elysian Lodge.....	No. 212, Garden Island.
"	11th Sept..	The Rising Sun Lodge..	" 129, Aurora.
"	23rd Oct....	The Occident Lodge....	" 346, Toronto.
"	3rd Nov....	St. John's Lodge.....	" 40, Hamilton.
"	8th Nov....	Chaudiere Lodge.....	" 264, Ottawa.
"	8th Nov....	Prince of Wales Lodge..	" 371, Ottawa.
"	24th Nov....	Keystone Lodge.....	" 412, Sault Ste Marie.
"	3rd Dec....	Granite Lodge.....	" 352, Parry Sound.
"	9th Dec....	St. Andrew's Lodge....	" 16, Toronto.
"	16th Dec....	Doric Lodge.....	" 316, Toronto.
"	29th Dec....	Eureka Lodge.....	" 283, Belleville.
1903.	9th Jan ...	Copestone Lodge.....	" 373, Welland.
"	21st Jan....	Saugeen Lodge.....	" 197, Walkerton.
"	21st Jan....	Humber Lodge.....	" 305, Weston.
"	24th Jan....	Corinthian Lodge.....	" 101, Peterborough.
"	24th Jan....	Cataraqui Lodge.....	" 92, Kingston.
"	16th Feb....	Frederick Lodge.....	" 217, Delhi.
"	21st Feb....	Ashlar Lodge.....	" 247, Toronto.
"	18th March..	The Belleville Lodge..	" 123, Belleville.
"	25th March..	Kent Lodge.....	" 274, Blenheim.
"	11th April..	Cornwall Lodge.....	" 125, Cornwall.
"	11th April..	Zetland Lodge.....	" 326, Toronto.
"	8th May....	St. Francis' Lodge....	" 24, Smith's Falls.
"	14th May....	Doric Lodge.....	" 316, Toronto.
"	16th May....	Maple Leaf Lodge....	" 362, Tara.
"	8th June ...	United Lodge.....	" 29, Brighton.
"	25th June ..	Wilson Lodge.....	" 86, Toronto.

LIST OF DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 26, 1902..	242	Macoy	Mallorytown	To Attend Divine Service.
" 30, " ..	161	Percy	Warkworth	" Attend Divine Service.
July 3, " ..	443	Powassen	Powassen	" Install W. M.
" 5, " ..	118	Union	Schomberg	" Install.
" 15, " ..	258	Guelph	Guelph	" Confer Degrees.
" 19, " ..	370	Harmony	Delta	" Install.
" 22, " ..	236	Manitoba	Cookstown	" Attend Divine Service.
" 22, " ..	438	Fidelity	Port Perry	" Attend Divine Service.
" 28, " ..	347	Mercer	Fergus	" Attend Divine Service.
Aug. 19, " ..	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	" Decorate Graves.
" 28, " ..	292	Robertson	King	" Attend Divine Service.
Sept. 16, " ..	408	Murray	Beaverton	" Attend Divine Service.
Oct. 7, " ..	203	Forest	Forest	" Initiate Out of Jurisdiction.
" 24, " ..	166	Wentworth	Stony Creek	" Attend Divine Service.
Nov. 7, " ..	267	St. George	Toronto	" Attend "At Home."
" 17, " ..	352	Granite	Parry Sound	" Install.
" 17, " ..	63	St. John's	Carleton Place	" Install.
" 20, " ..	195	The Tuscan	London	" Attend "At Home."
" 27, " ..	153	Burns	Wyoming	" Install.
Dec. 4, " ..	361	Waverley	Guelph	" Install.
" 6, " ..	103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	" Elect.
" 10, " ..	155	Peterborough	Peterborough	" Install.
" 10, " ..	287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	" Install.
" 10, " ..	415	Fort William	Fort William	" Install.
" 11, " ..	125	Cornwall	Cornwall	" Install.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Dec. 11, 1902..	292	Robertson	King	To Install.
" 12, " ..	396	Cedar	Warton	" Install.
" 11, " ..	451	Somerville	Kimount	" Elect.
" 12, " ..	385	Spry	Beeton	" Install.
" 13, " ..	101	Corinthian	Peterborough	" Install.
" 15, " ..	222	Marmora	Marmora	" Install.
" 15, " ..	247	Ashlar	Toronto	" Install.
" 15, " ..	247	Ashlar	Toronto	To Attend "At Home."
" 16, " ..	79	Simcoe	Bradford	" Install.
" 16, " ..	11	Moir	Belleville	" Install.
" 16, " ..	123	The Belleville	Belleville	" Install.
" 16, " ..	283	Eureka	Belleville	" Install.
" 17, " ..	430	Acacia	East Toronto	" Install.
" 17, " ..	122	Renfrew	Renfrew	" Install.
" 17, " ..	96	Corinthian	Barrie	" Install.
" 17, " ..	192	Orillia	Orillia	" Install.
" 18, " ..	334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	Re Irregularity in Initiation.
" 18, " ..	106	Burford	Burford	To Install.
" 18, " ..	446	Granite	Fort Frances	" Attend "At Home."
" 19, " ..	266	Northern Light	Stayner	" Elect.
" 19, " ..	347	Mercer	Fergus	" Install.
" 19, " ..	445	Lake of the Woods	Rat Portage	" Install.
" 22, " ..	375	Lorne	Omamee	" Install.
" 22, " ..	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	" Install.
" 22, " ..	90	Manito	Collingwood	" Install.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Dec. 22, 1902..	76	Oxford	Woodstock	To Install and Confer Degrees.
" 23, " ..	406	The Spry	Fenelon Falls... ..	" Install.
" 23, " ..	223	Norwood	Norwood	" Install.
" 23, " ..	46	Wellington	Chatham	" Install.
" 24, " ..	334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	" Install.
" 24, " ..	377	Lorne	Shelburne	" Install.
" 24, " ..	127	Franck	Frankford	" Install.
" 24, " ..	48	Madoc	Madoc	" Install.
" 24, " ..	137	Pythagoras	Meaford	" Install.
" 26, " ..	216	Harris	Orangeville	" Install.
" 24, " ..	40	St. John's	Hamilton	" Attend Divine Service.
" 24, " ..	40	St. John's	Hamilton	" Attend "At Home."
" 27, " ..	232	Cameron	Dutton	" Install.
" 29, " ..	194	Petrolia	Petrolia	" Install.
" 30, " ..	430	Acacia	East Toronto	" Occupy Temporary Quarters.
" 30, " ..	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	" Attend "At Home."
" 30, " ..	30	Composite	Whitby	" Install.
" 24, " ..	121	Doric	Brantford	" Install.
" 31, " ..	257	Galt	Galt	" Install.
Jan. 3, 1903..	409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	" Install.
" 3, " ..	433	Bonnechere	Eganville	" Install.
" 3, " ..	186	Plantaganet	Plantaganet	" Elect and Install.
" 3, " ..	390	Florence	Florence	" Install.
" 12, " ..	413	Naphtali	Tilbury Centre	" Install.
" 12, " ..	97	Sharon	Sharon	" Install.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Jan. 12, 1903..	77	Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	To Install.
Dec. 29, 1902..	260	Washington	Petrolia	" Install.
Jan. 8, 1903 .	397	Leopold	Brigden	" Install.
" 6, " "	323	Alvinston	Alvinston	" Install.
" 13, " "	364	Dufferin	Melbourne.....	" Install.
" 15, " "	326	Zetland	Toronto	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 15, " "	326	Zetland	Toronto	" Attend "At Home."
" 15, " "	438	Harmony	Toronto	" Attend "At Home."
" 15, " "	438	Harmony	Toronto	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 19, " "	448	Xenophon	Wheatley.....	" Install.
" 19, " "	440	Arcadia	Minden	" Install.
" 24, " "	16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	" Attend "At Home."
" 24, " "	147	Mississippi	Almonte	" Attend "At Home."
" 26, " "	424	Doric	Pickering	" Elect and Install.
" 29, " "	119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath	" Install.
Feb. 9, " "	445	Lake of Woods	Rat Portage	" Install.
" 10, " "	384	Alpha	Toronto.....	" Attend "At Home."
" 10, " "	107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" Attend a Ball.
" 11, " "	396	Cedar	Warton.....	" Attend "At Home."
" 14, " "	20	St. John's	London	" Attend "At Home."
" 16, " "	394	King Solomon's.....	Phamesford	" Attend "At Home."
" 19, " "	343	Georgina	Toronto	" Attend "At Home."
" 20, " "	447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	" Attend "At Home."
" 23, " "	218	Stevenson	Toronto	" Attend "At Home."
Mar. 3, " "	20	St. John's	London	" Attend Reception.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

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DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Mar. 6, 1903.	442	Dymont	Thessalon	To Initiate Out of Jurisdiction.
" 12, "	50	Consecon	Consecon	" Confer 3rd Degree.
April 9, "	290	Leamington	Leamington	" Occupy Temporary Quarters.
May 4, "	141	Tudor	Mitchell	" Initiate Out of Jurisdiction.
" 22, "	430	Acacia	E. Toronto	" Attend Memorial Service.
" 27, "	352	Granite	Parry Sound	" Attend Divine Service.
June 3, "	16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	" Attend Divine Service.
" 3, "	161	Percy	Warkworth	" Attend Divine Service.
" 6, "	263	Forest	Forest	" Attend Divine Service.
" 9, "	394	King Solomon	Thamesford	" Attend Divine Service.
" 9, "	423	Strong	Sundridge	" Attend Divine Service.
" 10, "	61	Acacia	Hamilton	" Attend Divine Service.
" 10, "	232	Cameron	Dutton	" Attend Reception.
" 10, "	343	Georgina	Toronto	" Install.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Secretary.

Hamilton, 15th July, 1903.

**Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario.**

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, 15th July, 1903.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario :

I herewith submit a Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1903 :

The balance at the credit of the Current Account in
the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 2nd
June, 1902, was \$17,912 94

During the year I have received from the Grand Sec-
retary 26,724 61

\$44,637 55

The expenditures during the year for Gen-
eral Purposes were \$10,927 89

For Benevolence 11,880 00

For Investment, City of Brantford Deben-
tures 8,000 00

30,807 89

Balance in the Bank 30th May, 1903 \$13,829 66

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in account with Wil-
liam Gibson, Grand Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1902..

June 1—Balance as per Balance Sheet \$102,912 94

1903.

May 30—Received from the Grand Secretary dur-
ing the year 26,724 61

\$129,637 55

1903.

Jan. 31—M. W. Bro. Harding, travelling expenses	200 00
Mar. 31—Grand Secretary, salary	500 00
“ Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary ..	200 00
“ Stenographer to Secretary, salary ..	75 00
“ Grand Treasurer, salary.	50 00
“ Alex. Cowan, expenses commission St. George Lodge	22 75
April 30—Routh & Payne, insurance	17 50
“ Spectator Printing Co...	1,000 00
Benevolent orders as per list.. . . .	11,880 00
Balance as per Balance Sheet.. . . .	106,829 66

\$129,637 55

The attached Balance Sheet shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 30th May, 1903, and the sums invested, with rates of interest.

All the debentures are in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for safe keeping.

**Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario.**

BALANCE SHEET, May 30th, 1903.

Debentures—

Brockville Debentures, face value...at 4 per cent	\$3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, face value...at 6 per cent	7,000 00
Canada Central Loan & Savings Co...at 4 per cent	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation... . . . .at 4 per cent	10,000 00
Can. Permanent Loan & Savings Co..at 4 per cent	10,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co.at 4 per cent	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Co.at 4 per cent	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co.. . . .at 4 per cent	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co.. . . .at 4 per cent	15,000 00
City of Brantford Debenturesat 4 per cent	8,000 00

\$93,000 00

Current Account—

Balance in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.. .	13,829 66
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\$106,829 66

We hereby certify that the debentures named and set forth in the Balance Sheet are in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for safe keeping, and that the above mentioned balance, \$13,829.66, was at the credit of the Current Account of the Grand Lodge at the close of business on the thirtieth day of May, 1903.

For the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hamilton,

(Signed) D. B. DEWAR, Manager.

W. B. PARSONS, Accountant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM GIBSON,

Grand Treasurer.

1902-1903.

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT
OF BENEVOLENCE.

June 1902.	August 1902.
30 Wid. J. Hartman...\$15 00	31 Bro. Benj. Barrett.. 25 00
30 Orps. J. H. Bothwell 10 00	31 Frederick Mudge .. 50 00
30 Wid. Sam. Latimer. 20 00	31 Miss C. Corrigan. .. 25 00
30 Orps. John Bothwell 10 00	31 Phoenix orphans. .. 15 00
July	31 Wm. Campbell. 50 00
31 Wid. A. Goldsmith.. 10 00	31 Mrs. C. A. Allens .. 10 00
31 Mrs. T. D. 31 00	31 " R. E. Page 15 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson. 37 50	31 " Carrie Ault 15 00
31 Miss Mary Wilson.. 75 00	
31 Miss M. H. Harris.. 18 75	September
31 Wid. H. L. Kifner.. 20 00	30 Mrs. T. J. M. Cotterell 25 00
31 Wid. Levi Neil 10 00	30 Miss Kerr. 10 00
31 Wid. Ron. Campbell. 15 00	30 Mrs. A. J. Stanley .. 40 00
31 Richard S. Lusty... 50 00	30 " Jos. Osborne .. 20 00
31 Bro. E. A. McDonald 50 00	30 " Jas. Woodrow .. 10 00
August	30 " Alex. Miller ... 10 00
31 Jas. LeRoy Smith	30 " John Harvey .. 10 00
and family... ..100 00	30 " Fred. Deveraux. 25 00
31 Miss Lockerty 20 00	30 " Wm. Fingland.. 15 00
31 Donald Urquhart .. 25 00	30 " S. M. Davis ... 20 00
31 James Fleming 50 00	30 A. Mowat 25 00
31 Archibald Couper .. 25 00	30 Mrs. W. B. Wallace. 10 00
31 Mrs. J. A. McInnes. 10 00	30 " C. W. Willmott. 15 00
31 Frank V. Gassion .. 50 00	30 " Wm. Hunter .. 40 00
31 Mrs. John Hicks... 15 00	30 " G. S. Macfarlane 20 00
31 W. H. Woodstock .. 25 00	30 " James T. Gurnett 20 00
31 Mrs. A. R. Paul 20 00	30 Bro. J. B. Smith. .. 25 00
31 Mrs. A. S. Wilson .. 15 00	30 Mrs. J. McKellican. 10 00
31 Bro. J. L. Dixon ... 25 00	30 " William Perry.. 20 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Jolley ... 20 00	30 " David Scott.... 10 00
31 Mrs. H. Canning ... 20 00	30 Philander Meyers... 50 00
31 Nora and Mary Blott 10 00	30 Mrs. T. S. Stethem. 10 00
31 Mrs. H. Y. Canniff.. 10 00	30 " Arch. McCoy .. 20 00
31 " W. J. Smyth ... 15 00	30 " Elbert Cherry.. 10 00
31 " J. R. L. Smith.. 15 00	30 " F. G. Balcomb.. 20 00
31 " M. F. Haney .. 10 00	30 Richard T. Smith .. 25 00
31 " G. W. Shields.. 15 00	30 Mrs. John Rome. .. 20 00
31 " Geo. T. Porter.. 10 00	30 " Peter Paterson. 15 00
31 " J. S. Baker 10 00	30 Miss A. Chamberlain 10 00
31 " Jas. McKay..... 20 00	30 Walter Hume. 25 00
31 " John Tremeer.. 10 00	30 Mrs. M. C. Brown.. 20 00
31 " W. S. Pickover. 40 00	30 " A. E. Baker. .. 20 00
31 " A. Simpson 40 00	30 Orphans of Steele.. 20 00
31 " G. H. Noble 10 00	30 Mrs. Andrew Milne. 10 00
31 " B. H. Eckert .. 20 00	30 " John Williams.. 10 00
31 " John Wills 20 00	30 " James Filton .. 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Allan.... 10 00	30 Alex. Gilmour.. 15 00

September 1902.

30	Mrs. Robt. Gibson..	10 00
30	Nisbet orphans. . .	20 00
30	Mrs. Robt. Hassard.	20 00
30	Wm. McCartney . .	25 00
30	Mrs. John Munro . .	10 00
30	Bro. Jas. Richmond.	25 00
30	Mrs. J. Sutherland..	10 00
30	" W. J. Arnel . . .	20 00
30	" J. Warmington.	20 00
30	John Kennedy..	15 00
30	" W. Mc. Cargow.	15 00
30	" Edment Hill. . .	20 00
30	James Wade. . . .	25 00
30	Mrs. Geo. Scott . . .	50 00
30	" John H. Holman	15 00
30	" C. E. S. Black..	10 00
30	" D. S. Sanderson	15 00
30	" T. S. Agar . . .	40 00
30	John G. Wilson . . .	50 00
30	Mrs. Levi Neil . . .	15 00
30	" J. W. McDonald	20 00
30	G. R. McLaren . . .	50 00
30	Mrs. S. S. Townsend	20 00
30	" Geo. Gallagher..	10 00
30	" Arch. Kennedy.	20 00
30	Bro. J. W. Crute . .	25 00
30	Mrs. Wm. Mills . . .	10 00
30	" Hugh Rankin . .	20 00
30	" Geo. Goslie. . .	10 00
30	Bro. John Scott....	50 00
30	Mrs. Thos. Reid. . .	15 00
30	" Sim. Richards..	15 00
30	" Hugh McNamee.	20 00
30	Henry O. Hunter . .	50 00
30	Bro. R. H. Green . .	50 00
30	Mrs. J. Blanchard..	20 00
30	" C. D. Macdonald	15 00
30	" John Barrett . .	10 00
30	" Robt. White. . .	20 00
30	" B. Chamberlin..	20 00
30	T. Blackburn . . .	10 00
30	" John Jackson..	20 00
30	" F. Simmins. . .	20 00
30	" H. Etherington.	40 00
30	" W. C. Smart . . .	15 00
30	" Geo. Cockburn..	20 00
30	Thos. R. Wood . . .	50 00
30	Mrs. W. H. Karn . .	15 00
30	" W. J. Watson . .	20 00
30	" R. E. Harrison.	15 00
30	Bro. John A. Scott..	25 00
30	Mrs. Jos. Metherell.	10 00
30	Ethel S. Jenkins . .	10 00

September 1902.

30	Mrs. Hugh Hinds . .	20 00
30	" C. W. Macdonald	20 00
30	" John Findlay . .	15 00
30	" Thos. G. Shaw..	10 00
30	" Chas. Mann . . .	20 00
30	" Jas. Graham . .	10 00
30	Wesley Grey. . . .	25 00
30	W. M. Richardson..	25 00
30	Mrs. R. A. Kirby . .	10 00
30	" James Parker..	20 00
30	" D. L. Cumins . .	10 00
30	" Geo. Walker . . .	10 00
30	" Chas. Bennett..	15 00
30	Jas. Dass.	50 00
30	Mrs. Eastus Kesler.	10 00
30	" J. E. Edwards..	10 00
30	Hugh Hanlin. . . .	25 00
30	Mrs. John Mander..	20 00
October		
31	J. K. L. Waugh . . .	25 00
31	Mrs. T. D. Harborton..	37 50
31	" T. H. Watson..	10 00
31	H. A. Wetherell. . .	25 00
31	Mrs. P. R. Davy . . .	10 00
31	Miss M. Wilkinson.	20 00
31	Miss Mary H. Harris	18 75
31	Mrs. W. M. Wilson.	37 50
31	" T. B. Longley..	10 00
31	Miss Mary Wilson..	75 00
31	Mrs. Thos. Wesley.	20 00
31	Arch. McColl. . . .	25 00
31	John Chaseley . . .	25 00
31	Mrs. J. T. Jones. . .	25 00
31	Bro. Clift.	50 00
31	Miss A. McPherson	10 00
31	Mrs. C. Sanders. . .	15 00
31	" Thos. B. Peaker	15 00
31	" Wm. Marriott..	10 00
31	R. C. Wright . . .	25 00
31	Mrs. Henry Hall . .	15 00
31	Alex. Bain	25 00
31	Miss Dean.	25 00
31	Mrs. James Allen . .	10 00
31	Bro. Alfred Mathers	40 00
31	Bro. John Coleman	40 00
31	David McNab. . . .	25 00
31	Mrs. Peter Caughill.	20 00
31	Miss Smith	20 00
31	Mrs. Jas. Simpson..	20 00
31	" John Vaux . . .	20 00
31	" Jas. A. Sinclair.	20 00
31	" D. S. Lesley . . .	15 00
31	Alex. Kirkbride....	25 00

October 1902.

31	Mrs. Donald McNeil	15 00
31	" John Pope . . .	20 00
31	" A. B. de Pendency	20 00
31	John C. Williams .	25 00
31	Mrs. John Abbott .	20 00
31	Gustave Witter . . .	20 00
31	Mrs. H. Leirsch . . .	10 00
31	Chas. Scarborough..	25 00
31	Mrs. David Small . .	20 00
31	" Thos. Harrison.	10 00
31	" T. McC. Lawrence	10 00
31	" C. E. Morehouse	10 00
31	Joseph Blackburn . .	50 00
31	Mrs. J. C. Graham..	15 00
31	Bro. John Milks. . .	50 00
31	Norman Kelsey . . .	25 00
31	Mrs. L. G. Jolliffe..	10 00
31	Robt. N. Brett . . .	25 00
31	Wm. Rombough. . .	50 00
31	W. E. Sills	50 00
31	Mrs. Thos. Frazer..	15 00
31	" S. H. Vint . . .	15 00
31	" And. Crawford.	20 00
31	" James Allan . . .	10 00
31	" T. H. Slute. . . .	20 00
31	" W. F. Southcott	15 00
31	" Alex. McIntyre.	10 00
31	Wm. Hawthorne . . .	50 00
31	Bro. Peter Brown..	25 00
31	S. C. Dinsmore . . .	50 00
31	Mrs. Ed. Wasell . . .	10 00
31	" Thomson	20 00
31	M. G. Vandervort..	10 00
31	A. Patterson	25 00
31	Mrs. L. W. Whitney	20 00
31	" Jacob Le Clear..	10 00

November

30	Bro. W. A. McLim..	25 00
30	W. Bro. G. Reading.	40 00
30	Wid. of R. W. Samwell	40 00
30	Mrs. David Ross . . .	10 00
30	" John Weir	10 00
30	" Lionel Yorke . . .	20 00
30	" Rich. Phillips..	15 00
30	" Henry Hamill..	15 00
30	" J. L. Holmes . . .	15 00
30	" Richard Flood..	10 00
30	" Peter Grant	20 00
30	" Geo. Christie . . .	15 00
30	" H. D. Fraser . . .	20 00
30	Bro. J. Williamson..	40 00

November 1902.

30	Wm. Burke	25 00
30	Mrs. John Evans . .	10 00
30	" W. B. Simpson..	25 00
30	" Sam Latimer . . .	20 00
30	W. W. Cameron . . .	50 00
30	Mrs. Wm. Brodison.	20 00
30	" Arthur Jeffery..	15 00
30	" Wm. Scott	10 00
30	" Thos. Courtney	20 00
30	" W. E. Kemp. . . .	15 00
30	" David Gardner..	10 00
30	" R. Wright.	20 00
30	Bro. Henry Horne..	25 00
30	Mrs. F. Brown	10 00
30	Bro. Edward Green..	50 00
30	Mrs. Ron. Campbell	15 00
30	Joseph Cook	25 00
30	Mrs. A. L. Rundle . .	15 00
30	" Wm. Tripp	15 00
30	" G. H. Bailey . . .	15 00
30	" Geo. S. Miller . . .	15 00
30	F. W. Scollen	15 00
30	Mrs. J. Middleton..	10 00
30	" John Polley....	20 00

December

31	Mrs. H. F. Kiffner..	20 00
31	" John Villiers . .	20 00
31	" J. Zimmerman..	10 00
31	" James Miller . . .	10 00
31	" Robt. C. Carter.	15 00
31	" Francis Elkington.	40 00
31	" Sam Blanning..	15 00
31	" N. H. Smith. . . .	15 00
31	" Geo. B. Gray... .	15 00
31	" Walter Beal	10 00
31	" Aaron Bowman.	20 00
31	" J. L. Young....	10 00
31	" W. H. Street . . .	10 00
31	" Thos. Elliott . . .	10 00
31	" Sam Acton	20 00
31	Wid. of And Kellock	40 00
31	Mrs. W. E. Johnson	10 00
31	Miss Mary Wilson.	75 00

January 1903.

31	Bro. Samuel Taber.	40 00
31	Mrs. T. D. Harston..	37 50
31	" W. M. Wilson..	37 50
31	Miss M. H. Harris..	18 75
31	Bro. John Willis . . .	40 00
31	Mrs. Chas. Warder.	10 00
31	Bro. Thos. - anstone	40 00
31	Bro. K. T. Townsend	40 00

February 1903.	February 1903.
28 Wid. of G. Southwick 40 00	28 Bro. John Scott 50 00
28 Bro. Geo. W. Rose.. 40 00	28 Wid. of W. Brodison 20 00
28 W.Bro. G. H. Wright 25 00	28 " T. McC. Lawrence.... 10 00
28 Wid. of T. G. Shaw. 10 00	28 Bro. Jas. Richmond.. 25 00
28 " W. H. Karn ... 15 00	28 Orps. Mathew Nisbet 20 00
28 Dau. of W. Wilkinson 20 00	28 Wid. of And. Milne. 10 00
28 Wid. of J. McKay.. 20 00	28 " M. C. Brown.. 20 00
28 " A. S. Wilson .. 15 00	28 Bro. Geo. Scott. ... 25 00
28 " Thos. Reid 15 00	28 Bro. R. T. Smith.... 25 00
28 " J. T. Gurnett ... 20 00	28 Wid. of Jas. Allan.. 10 00
28 Bro. John L. Dixon 25 00	28 " Thos. Fraser .. 15 00
28 Wid. of Wm. Jolley 20 00	28 " Robt. C. Carter. 15 00
28 " A. R. Paul. 20 00	28 Sister of W. Corrigan 25 00
28 " W. F. Southcott 15 00	28 Wid. of W. C. Smart 15 00
28 " Thos. Harrison. 10 00	28 " Thos. Vesey ... 20 00
28 " Wm. J. Watson 20 00	28 " J. F. Holman... 15 00
28 " James Parker... 20 00	28 " H. D. Fraser. .. 20 00
28 Bro. Jas. Flemings.. 50 00	28 Bro. Fred. Mudge .. 50 00
28 Dau. of T. Lockerty 20 00	28 Orps of J. Jenkins.. 10 00
28 Wid. of J. Warming- ton... .. 20 00	28 Wid. of C.E.S.Black. 10 00
23 Daughter of ... Dean... .. 25 00	28 " Edward Wasell. 10 00
28 Bro. Arch. Cowper... 25 00	28 " David Gardner.. 10 00
28 Wid. of David Ross. 10 00	28 " Wm. McCargow. 15 00
28 Bro. F. P. Gassion. 50 00	28 " J. R. L. Smith.. 15 00
28 Wid. of T. B. ... e 10 00	28 " Edment Hill. .. 20 00
28 " Sim. Richards.. 15 00	28 " Geo. F. Porter.. 10 00
28 " Lionel York .. 20 00	28 " John Pope .. 20 00
28 " G. W. Shields. 15 00	28 " Jas. Fitton .. 10 00
28 " Joseph Osborne 20 00	28 Mother of Thos. A. Thomson 20 00
28 Bro. W. H. Wood- stock.... .. 25 00	28 Mother of Chas. E. Moorehouse .. 10 00
28 Wid. of E. Kesler.. 10 00	28 Bro. Wm. Campbell. 50 00
28 " Robt. Hassard.. 20 00	28 Wid. of Geo. Walker 10 00
28 " Jos. Metherall.. 10 00	28 " John Abbott .. 20 00
28 Bro. James Dass .. 50 00	28 " A. B. de Pendry 20 00
28 Wid. of T. B. Peaker 15 00	28 Bro. Benj. Barrett. 25 00
28 " Alex. Gilmour... 15 00	28 Wid. of W. Marriott. 10 00
28 " Alex. Simpson... 40 00	28 Bro. C. Scarborough 25 00
28 " David Scott ... 10 00	28 " Hugh Hanlin .. 25 00
28 " J. A. McInnes... 10 00	28 Wid. of B. H. Eckert 20 00
28 " John Hicks 15 00	28 " Robt. White ... 20 00
28 Bro. Don. Urquhart. 25 00	28 " Peter Grant ... 20 00
28 Wid. of Rich. Phillips 15 00	28 " John Harvey .. 10 00
28 " Walter Beal ... 10 00	28 " Chas. Bennett... "
28 Bro. R. H. Green... 50 00	28 " Wm. Mills... .. 10 00
28 Wid. of H. Canning. 20 00	28 " Wm. M. Hunter 40 00
28 Wife of S. M. Davies 20 00	28 Bro. John A. Scott.. 25 00
28 Wid. of Alex. Miller 10 00	28 Wife of Frederick Deveraux 25 00
28 " G. S. Macfarlain 20 00	28 Bro. Walter Hume.. 25 00
28 " T. S. Stethern. 10 00	28 Wid. of C.W.Willmott 15 00
28 Dau. of Wm. Kerr.. 10 00	

February	1903.	March	1903.
28 Wid. of Rich. Flood	10 00	31 Wid. of W.B.Wallace	10 00
28 " Wm. Tripp . . .	15 00	31 " James Miller . .	10 00
28 Bro. Phil. Meyers	50 00	31 " John Mander . .	20 00
28 Wid. of J. Munro . .	10 00	31 " J. T. Jones . . .	25 00
28 Bro. W. McCartney.	25 00	31 " Chas. Graham . .	15 00
28 Wid. of C. D. Mac-		31 " Geo. Christie . .	15 00
donald	15 00	31 " Arthur Jeffery . .	15 00
28 " J. Williams . . .	10 00	31 Orps. of J. A. Blott.	10 00
28 " L. G. Jolliffe . .	10 00	31 Bro. Robt. N. Brett.	25 00
28 Bro. James Wade . .	25 00	31 Wid. of John Mills . .	20 00
28 " Thos. R. Wood.	50 00	31 " H. Y. Canniff . .	10 00
28 Wid. of P. Patterson	15 00	31 W. Bro. Wm. Haw-	
28 " M. F. Haney . . .	10 00	thorne	50 00
28 " Jacob LeClair . .	10 00	31 Wid. of J. L. Holmes	15 00
28 " John Vaux	20 00	31 " Alex. Findlay . .	40 00
28 Bro. J. C. Williams.	25 00	31 Mrs. A. J. Stanley . .	40 00
28 Wid. of Hugh Hinds	20 00	31 Bro. J. Blois Smith.	25 00
28 Mrs. Carrie Ault . .	15 00	31 Wid. of J. Carswell.	20 00
28 Wid. of Wm. Perry.	20 00	31 " Abram E. Baker	20 00
28 " Elisha Saunders	15 00	31 " Geo. Cockburn . .	20 00
28 Bro. Norman Kelsey	25 00	31 " D. S. Anderson.	15 00
28 Wid. of John Suther-		31 " J. W. McDonald	20 00
land	10 00	31 " Francis Brown . .	10 00
28 " John Jackson . .	20 00	31 " Geo. S. Miller . .	15 00
28 " C. W. Macdonald	20 00	31 Bro. Willet Sills . .	50 00
28 " Henry Hamill . .	15 00	31 Wid. of D. L. Cumins	10 00
28 Bro. A. Mowat . . .	25 00	31 " Wm. Fingland . .	15 00
28 Wid. of J. Woodrow	10 00	31 Bro. G. R. McLaren	50 00
28 " Thos. H. Slute.	20 00	31 Wid. of N. H. Smith	15 00
28 " Sami. Blanning.	15 00	31 Orps. of S.M.Phoenix	15 00
28 Bro. W. C. Cliff . . .	50 00	31 Wid. of R. A. Kirby	10 00
28 Wid. of F.G.Balcomb	20 00	31 " Wm. Tremere . .	10 00
28 " Ron. Campbell . .	15 00	31 " Robt. Gibson . . .	10 00
28 " David Small . . .	20 00	31 " L. W. Whitney . .	20 00
28 Bro. Gustave Witte.	20 00	31 " Jas. McKellican.	10 00
28 " John Chaseley . .	25 00	31 " Thos. Blackburn	10 00
28 Wid. of G. H. Noble	10 00	31 " John Villiers . .	20 00
28 Bro. J. W. Crate . .	25 00	31 Bro. H. A. Wetherell	25 00
28 Wid. of A. Rundie . .	15 00	31 Wid. of Geo. Goslie.	10 00
28 " H. Etherington.	40 00	31 " Chas. Warder . .	10 00
28 " J. Blanchard . .	20 00	31 " J. S. Baker . . .	10 00
28 " Thos. S. Agar . .	40 00	31 " John E. Edwards	10 00
28 " Jas. Simpson . . .	20 00	31 " Alex. McIntyre . .	10 00
28 " W. J. Armil . . .	20 00	31 Bro. Edward Green.	50 00
28 " Elbert Cherry . .	10 00	31 Wid. of Henry Hall.	15 00
28 Bro. Alex. Kirkbride	25 00	31 " Robt. A. Page . .	15 00
28 Wid. of John Weir . .	10 00	31 " W. S. Picharer . .	40 00
28 " Wm. J. Smyth . .	15 00	31 " Thos. H. Watson	10 00
28 " John Kennedy . .	15 00	31 " Peter Caughill . .	20 00
March		31 " Arch. Kennedy . .	20 00
31 " S. S. Townsend.	20 00	31 " R. E. Harrison . .	15 00
31 Bro. R. C. Wright . .	25 00	31 " John Barnett . .	10 00
31 " Alex. Bain . . .	25 00	31 W. Bro. G. H. Wright	25 00

March 1903.	April 1903.
31 Wid. of C. A. Allens 10 00	30 Mrs. T. D. Harrington.. 37 50
31 Mrs. Jos. Carswell.. 20 00	30 Dau. of S. Smith ... 20 00
31 Wid. of T. Courtney 20 00	30 Mrs. W. M. Wilson.. 37 50
31 " J. L. Young.... 10 00	30 Wid. of H. L. Kiffner 20 00
31 " Sam Acton 20 00	30 Miss Mary Wilson .. 75 00
31 " Arch. McCoy... 20 00	30 Miss M. H. Harris.. 18 75
31 " F. Cummins.... 20 00	30 Bro. H. H. Watson .. 40 00
31 " J. Zimmerman.. 10 00	30 Wid. of B. Chamber-
31 Dau. of John Cham-	lain.... 20 00
berlain 10 00	30 " Geo. B. Gray ... 15 00
31 Wid. of H. Rankin.. 20 00	30 " Jas. Graham .. 10 00
31 Bro. Arch. McColl .. 25 00	30 Bro. M. W. Cameron 50 00
31 Wid. of John Polley 20 00	30 Mrs. F. M. Baldwin. 40 00
31 " And. Crawford.. 20 00	30 Bro. S. C. Dunsmore 50 00
31 Orps. of J. R. Steel.. 20 00	30 Miss A. McPherson. 10 00
31 Wid. of S. H. Vint .. 15 00	30 Wid. of E. S. Evans 40 00
31 " Chas. Mann 20 00	30 " Aaron Bowman. 20 00
31 " Rich. Wright .. 20 00	30 " F. Elkington .. 40 00
31 Bro. J. Blackburn .. 50 00	30 " Wm. Scarciff .. 10 00
31 Wid. of Robt. George 20 00	30 " Peter R. Davy.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Robt. George.. 20 00	May
31 Wid. of J. A. Sinclair 20 00	31 Dau. of D. McNabb.. 25 00
31 " W. H. Street .. 10 00	31 Wid. of D. McNeill.. 15 00
31 " Peter Brown ... 25 00	31 " Levi Neil . . . 15 00
31 " Henry Leirsch.. 10 00	31 " John Rome 20 00
31 " David S. Leslie.. 15 00	31 " Wm. Allan 10 00
31 " Rev. A. Cook .. 25 00	31 Bro. John Milks.... 50 00
31 " Henry Findlay.. 15 00	31 " Wesley Grey.... 25 00
31 " Samuel Latimer 20 00	31 " F. McLennan .. 25 00
April	31 Wid. of W.E. Johnson 10 00
30 Wid. of W. B. Thom-	
son... 25 00	
30 Bro. W. Rombough. 50 00	
30 Wid. of J. Middleton 10 00	
	Total.. \$11,880 00

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is with much pleasure that I present my report upon the condition of Masonry in Erie District No. 1, and I may say at the outset that throughout the report I shall be influenced by what I heard M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray say to us newly-elected D. D. G. M's at Windsor in July last. "The Grand Lodge cares nothing for complimentary speeches and expressions of praise and laudation for this or that worthy brother, but would rather have the bare facts regarding the condition of Masonry in the District," and as I am apt to neglect to give praise and commendation even when such should be given, I am especially grateful to the Most Worshipful brother for his suggestion.

Regarding the state of Masonry throughout the District, as a whole it is in a healthy condition. Enthusiasm and the true fraternal spirit very greatly abound. All the 24 lodges of the District, with very few, indeed, almost no exceptions, are in as prosperous a state as the most enthusiastic Mason could desire, both as regards increase of membership and growth in financial standing, and everywhere is found among the brethren a desire to excel in the work of conferring the degrees, as well as in all other ways, which tend to build up our Masonic fraternity and increase its importance and usefulness in our land. My worthy predecessor, R. W. Bro. Worth, did a great work in the way of perfecting the floor work in the different lodges and increasing the desire for fraternal visits by instituting a series of Visiting Lodges of Instruction, which, I believe, has been productive of much good. And here I may say that when officially visiting the lodges I found as a rule very little to criticize, so that my remarks very often were of a general character, but I strongly endea-

vored to emphasize the importance of living our Masonry outside of the lodge both towards our Masonic brethren and our non-Masonic fellow beings.

I had the honor of making my first official visit to Kent Lodge, No. 274. This was done October 13th, 1902. About 25 members were present, and W. Bro. Misener, the W. M., was in the chair. R. W. Bro. Jamieson, P. D. D. G. M., was also present. A candidate for initiation was in waiting, and the work of conferring the degree was fairly well done. I found the books of the Lodge well kept, Bro. John Crookshank being a first-class Secretary. Financial standing of Lodge good, or fairly so, there being sufficient money in the treasury to pay all demands. Property of lodge insured.

Visited Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg, October 14, and was met at the train by W. Bro. Huston. Twenty members present at opening. No work on. Two candidates ballotted for and both rejected. Took the opportunity of speaking to the brethren about the right that every brother has of ballotting as he sees fit, without having to give a reason for it. That the brother making uncharitable remarks or attributing bad motives to the brother casting the black ball was guilty of unmasonic conduct, and here I repeated the words which I heard used by a venerable brother, that "the use of the white ball was far oftener abused than that of the black ball." The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The officers all seemed to be well up in their work and thoroughly alive. Books well kept. Financial standing of lodge good. Cash on hand and no debts. Property insured. Banquet after lodge closed. Table beautifully decorated with lovely bouquets of flowers. American brethren among the visitors. Speeches truly Masonic.

Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex: Visited this lodge October 15th. About 20 members present. W. Bro. A. O. Bricker, W. M., in the chair. Very fine lodge room and well kept. A candidate was raised to the third degree. P. M. Burris assisted the W. M. in the work, which was well done throughout, errors being few, and principally due to the officers not having yet got into working order after the summer "call off." The brethren of Central Lodge are Masons of the right sort.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber: Visited this lodge

October 17th. About 15 members present. Beautiful lodge room. Harmony and brotherly feeling prevails. Candidate for first degree initiated. Work not as well done as it should be. Deacon's work fair. J. W. gave explanation on tracing board well. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees; the work not as well done as it would be owing to the W. Master suffering from a fellon on one of his fingers. Showed J. D. certain movements. Books well kept. Financial standing good. Only two members in arrears, and they only 12 months.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: Visited this lodge November 4th. Twenty-six present, including visitors. W. Bro. Davis in the chair. All the other officers in their places, but J. D., who was not present. W. Bro. Davis, sen., and W. Bro. Wylie, from London and Dresden, were visitors. I here had the pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. Worth with a P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia, the gift of the District, and never was a recipient more worthy or a reward more truly earned. After the presentation the lodge was opened in the second degree and a candidate passed, the work as a whole being well done, but the S. D.'s instruction to candidate *re* saluting the W. M. was not correct, though easily made right. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, when some discussion took place regarding one of the signs. After closing, the "fourth degree" was attended to, and consisted of coffee, sandwiches, etc., handed around, which I think is a good idea, and worthy of imitation. Books well kept. Financial standing fair. Property insured. W. Bro. Pye is all right.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: Visited this lodge November 5th, 1902. Lodge opened promptly on time. About 25 present at opening. R. W. Bro. Moore occupied the chair. R. W. Bro. T. C. McNabb was also seated in the East. A candidate initiated. Work well done, as a whole, but I pointed out a few unimportant errors. The errors consisted chiefly in leaving out and substituting words. Floor work good. Books well kept. Financial standing fair.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne: Visited officially November 11th, 1902. Opened on time. W. Bro. Macfie in the chair. About 26 present. Opened up in the three degrees. Candidate raised; work well done.

but the candidate was not properly posted in the work of the former degree. This is important, and every W. M. should see that his candidate for advancement is well posted before he allows him to go on. The books of this lodge are well kept, V. W. Bro. Becker being a model Secretary. Comfortable lodge room, though not large. Financial standing good. Property insured. The true Masonic spirit seems to prevail at McColl Lodge, and a visitor is quickly made to feel that he is among brethren.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney: Visited November 12th, 1902. Lodge opened at 8.30 p. m. W. Bro. Wilson in the chair. Both Wardens and both Deacons were absent, the chairs being filled by P. M's. Initiation; work fairly well done. Urged frequent rehearsals, also the advisability of taking Masonic literature and reading it. Fifteen members were present at the meeting, including visitors. Books well kept. Financial standing not very good. Membership small, but several initiations have taken place since my official visit, and prospects are good.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden: Visited this lodge November 13th, 1902. About 25 present, including visitors. Had the pleasure here of again meeting R. W. Bros. Worth and Carscallan. W. Bro. H. French opened the lodge and W. Bro. Laird conferred the first degree, which was well done. The J. D. and J. W. did their work exceedingly well. Financial standing of lodge good. The Dresden brethren seem to be Masons indeed. Must mention the kindness of W. Bro. Wiley, also that of other brethren.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate: Official visit November 14th, 1902. Lodge opened at 7.30 sharp. W. Bro. P. M. Crosby in the chair, the W. M., Bro. Moody, being ill of typhoid fever and unable to be at lodge. Large attendance of brethren present for a country lodge, being about 45. First and third degrees conferred and done in first-class style. The officers of this lodge do their work as it should be done. Highgate is a lodge of live Masons. Lodge room exceedingly well furnished, and lacks but a very few requirements to make it perfect. Books well kept. Financial standing good. Property insured. Highgate is the tenth lodge visited by me at this date, and is second to none as to what makes up a first-class lodge.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown: Visited November 28th, 1902. Lodge opened sharp on time. Twenty-five members present. The third degree conferred in a very creditable manner. Chair occupied by the I. P. M. on account of the illness of V. W. Bro. Geo. Middleditch, the W. M., though he was able to be present. Suggested improvement in minor points of work of deacons handling candidate. Candidate for raising not sufficiently posted in work of former degree. Members of Howard seem to be true Masons. Again spoke of the importance of living our Masonry outside of the lodge room. Healed Bro. Charles Baillie Lake, M. D., an "Ontario" Mason, and gave him a certificate of being a Master Mason in good standing but unaffiliated.

Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg: Official visit December 8th, 1902. Lodge opened on time. Twenty-four members at opening. Average attendance about 20. W. Bro. Quennell, W. M., in the chair. Initiation, also election of officers. Work of first degree well done, but mentioned some points in which there could be an improvement. Bro. E. E. Parker a first-class Secretary.

The Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville: Visited this lodge December 9th, also held Lodge of Instruction there at the same time, the particulars of which I will give further on. Lodge opened at 7.30 p. m., W. Bro. Elliott in the Master's chair. Candidate passed to the second degree. Work well done as a whole, but it was evident that the officers had not done enough rehearsing. Candidate was not asked to repeat his obligation of the former degree, nor was he as well up in that degree as he should be. I think that as a rule no candidate should be advanced until he is able to show proficiency in the former degree and can repeat his obligation. This, to my mind, is very important. The lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition, but R. W. Bro. McKillop is much missed.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell: Visited December 10th, 1902. Lodge opened at 8.15 p. m., W. Bro. H. Walker in the chair, and R. W. Bro. Hickey acting as Secretary pro tem. on account of the illness of Bro. Bayley. Fifteen members present at opening. This lodge is in splendid working order. Business done in good style. Third degree worked and the work well done. Slight omissions were made, but nothing of im-

portance. Books well kept. Financial standing good. There are some good alive Masons in the Star of the East Lodge.

Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence: Officially visited this lodge January 8th, 1903, it being my second visit there. Had the great pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Worth and Hickey, who ably assisted me in installing the officers. The lodge opened at 9 p. m., with 16 members present, including visitors. Bro. McDonald was duly installed W. M. Bro. J. W. McMillan, Secretary, was at his post, as he always is. The new J. W. did not know his work at all, but said he would get to work at once to learn. The lodge room is small and not very well lighted, and if it were a little better furnished it would be more cheerful, but the membership is small. Books well kept, and the lodge in a fairly prosperous state, with good Masons in it. Property insured.

Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley: Visited March 10th, 1903: This is the youngest warranted lodge in the District. Lodge opened at 8 p. m., with W. Bro. A. M. Wilson in the chair: 14 members present. Very comfortable and well furnished lodge room. A candidate was raised to the third degree. Work well done, very little room for criticism. Minute book well kept. Financial standing fair. Assets exceed liabilities. Twenty-five members in all belonging to the lodge. Brethren seem to have the proper spirit of Masonry.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington: Visited March 11th, 1903. Twenty present at opening, which took place at 8.30 p. m. W. Bro. Geo. Erwin in the chair. R. W. Bro. Hillier also present. Initiation. Master's work creditable; Deacon's work not very well done. Pointed out some errors, which, however, were of not very great importance. Financial standing good, with a surplus on hand, which I have no doubt was found to be useful, as the brethren had the misfortune to have their lodge burned shortly after my visit.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville: Visited March 12th, 1903. Lodge opened at 8.30 p. m. W. Bro. Frederick Foster, W. M., in the chair. Thirty-one present at opening. Two candidates passed to the second degree. Work well done for one suffering from la grippe, as the W. M. then was. Candidates not well handled by

the S. D. at S. W.'s chair. The brethren of this lodge seem to have the habit of going out of the room, so that W. M. scarcely has a quorum at the time of closing. This is not commendable. Books well kept. Lodge room good and well furnished.

Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor: Visited April 3rd, 1903. Lodge opened promptly on time. Forty members present. W. Bro. C. E. Green, W. M., in the chair. First work done was balloting of candidates. Manner of handling ballot box and action of Wardens at time of announcing result different from that in most lodges in the District, but good, and in some respects could be imitated by other lodges with profit. Bro. Elliott passed to the second degree. Work well done. No criticism attempted.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham: Visited April 6th, 1903. Twenty-eight members present at opening. W. Bro. F. D. Laurie, W. M. First degree well conferred. J. W.'s lecture well rendered, Bro. A. E. Jewett, J. W. First-class lodge room, large and well furnished. Excellent order during the conferring of the degree. Books well kept. Was much pleased to meet R. W. Bros. McNabb and Worth, P. D. D. G. M's, at this visit.

Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury: Visited April 7th, 1903. Lodge opened at 8.30 p. m. Twenty-five members present, including visitors. Good lodge room, and elegantly furnished. Books well kept; W. Bro. Hutton is a pattern Secretary. Chairs all filled by the officers to which they actually belonged. W. Bro. J. R. Palmer, W. M. Two candidates for initiation were ballotted for. Third degree conferred; work well done; criticism nil. I might note here that the candidate was exceedingly well up in the work of the former degree, and repeated his obligation without missing a word. I urged the importance of this whenever an opportunity occurred. To me it is a great mistake to push candidates through the three degrees in such a way that when they get to be Master Masons they know very little more than they did before they were initiated. If the W. M's insisted on having every candidate for advancement properly posted there would be fewer Masons who cannot visit lodges without being vouched for.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor: Visited April

9th, 1903. Forty-six members present at opening, besides 29 visitors. At the closing there were 70 members of the lodge and 60 visitors. Quite a number of the latter were American brethren from across the river. W. Bro. David Liddell, W. M., in the chair. Third degree conferred. Work well done considering the crowded room. The members of Great Western seem to be true Masons and thoroughly alive. Can also attend to the fourth degree in proper style. Books well kept, W. Bro. White the right man in the right place. Was much pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Lumley and other old friends from across the river, who did me the honor of coming to meet me at this function.

NEW LODGE.

Being commissioned by the M. W. the Grand Master, I went to the village of Merlin, December 2nd, 1902, and had the honor and pleasure of starting Century Lodge under dispensation. I had previously visited the village and got acquainted with some of the brethren, and found that a comfortable room had been secured and was being furnished, so that, as I expected, I found everything in readiness, although for unavoidable reasons only a few members were present, and no visitors. Those who were present, and whose names are on the dispensation, were: W. Bro. W. F. Robertson, W. M.; Bro. S. Prichard, S. W.; Bro. C. B. Oliver, M.D., J. W.; Bro. E. Armstrong, S. D.; Bro. W. P. Teskey, Secretary; Bro. W. A. Barr, Treasurer; Bro. A. Graham, Tyler, and I may say that the lodge starts off as follows: A comfortably furnished room, good officers, sufficient supply of books, financial standing fair, prospects for new members promising, and I am sure we shall soon hear good things of Century Lodge, and that it will obtain its warrant within the next twelve months.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

I held my first Lodge of Instruction at Wardsville, December 9th, 1902, under the warrant of The Hammond Lodge, No. 327. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. McTaggart and staff of officers of Lorne Lodge, No. 282, of Glencoe, and the work was done with a degree of excellence as near perfection as any work I have ever seen.

There was practically no room for criticism. Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5.50 p. m., and called on again at 7.30 p. m., when the second degree was conferred by the officers of The Hammond Lodge, No. 327, the work not being done as well as it should be, and the candidate had not been properly instructed. Much rehearsing is required to bring this lodge up to the proper mark, but I am aware that valid excuses could be made for the brethren not having the work better.

Held another Lodge of Instruction at Chatham, February 27th, 1903, under the warrants of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, and Parthenon Lodge, No. 267. This meeting was honored by the presence of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding; R. W. Bro. Buchanan, G. S. W.; R. W. Bro. J. B. Martyn, D. D. G. M. of St. Clair District No. 2; several P. D. D. G. M's, and many other visitors. The lodge was opened in the first degree at 2.50 p. m., with W. Bro. Winn, of Alvington Lodge, No. 323, and staff, in the chairs, and the first degree was by them exemplified in a manner showing skill and thoroughness, there being almost no room for criticism. At 4.30 p. m. the lodge was opened in the second degree and the chairs taken by the officers of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, of Windsor, W. Bro. David Liddell, W. M., and the second degree exemplified in a masterly manner, and the criticism was again nil. Called from labor to refreshment at 6 p. m. Resumed labor at 8.10 p. m., with the officers of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, in the chairs, W. Bro. J. S. Turner, W. M. At 8.30 opened in the third degree, and Bro. F. Leaper, a candidate for advancement, was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. The work was well done, showing skill and much care in preparing the work. I think that the whole proceedings of the afternoon and evening were satisfactory to the M. W. the Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year five dispensations were granted for brethren to appear in public clothed as Masons and attend divine service. Following are the names of the lodges, with dates: July 30th, 1902, Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim; August 12th, 1902, St. George's Lodge, No. 41,

Kingsville; January 10th, 1903, Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury; June 8th, 1903, Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor; June 23rd, 1903, Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

Several times during the year have the brethren of Erie District been warned of the necessity of serious thoughts regarding the inevitable destiny of mortal man.

Two highly esteemed brethren of Lorne Lodge, No. 282, and much respected citizens of Glencoe, have passed away. W. Bro. Geo. M. Harrison died October 17th, 1902, aged 58 years. He had several times been W. M. and also Secretary of the lodge. Bro. Andrew Clanahan died June 3rd, 1903, aged 64 years. He also for many years had been a useful member of the lodge.

Of Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden, Bro. Isaac Windover died Dec. 7th, 1902, aged 81 years and three months, and Bro. John H. McVean died February 1st, 1903, aged 49 years. Both were good men and loyal Masons.

Bro. Charles T. Smith, of Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury, died at his home at Stewart, Ont., April 15, 1903, being well up in years, and having long been a Mason. His death caused more genuine regret among a very large circle of friends than falls to the lot of most men.

V. W. Bro. S. A. Craig died April 21, 1902. Had been Treasurer of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, for 15 years. Age at death, 63 years. A worthy and highly esteemed member. Bro. Wm. H. Jarman, M.M., died Aug. 8, 1902. Age at death, 44 years. Member of Great Western Lodge. Bro. Louis Grusinger, M. M., died October 6, 1902, aged 46 years. Member of Great Western Lodge, No. 47.

Besides the above, Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg; Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex, and Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney, each lost a member by death during the year, making in all twelve deaths in Erie District. I did not learn the names and particulars regarding the last four deceased brethren above mentioned.

Fraternally submitted.

W. J. FRENCH, D.D.G.M..

Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degrees conferred.	Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	F. A. F. C. M. M.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.								
34	Thistle ...	Amherstburg ...	57	6	7	7	8	0	0	0	0	July, 1902...	Very good.	Good	Yes	600 00
41	St. George's ...	Kingsville ...	94	11	4	3	5	8	0	0	0	Dec. 27, '02.	Fair	Fair	Yes	1800 00
46	Wellington ...	Chatham ...	160	10	10	9	13	2	2	2	0	April 10, '03	Good	Excellent	Yes	1400 03
47	Gt. West'n ...	Windsor ...	224	15	3	16	12	11	2	1	9	Jan. 9, '03...	Good	Good	Yes	360 00
245	Tecumseh ...	Thamesville ...	58	1	5	4	4	1	0	0	0	Feb. 16, '03	Good	Good	...	400 00
255	Sydenham ...	Dresden ...	56	1	11	10	7	1	0	0	0	June 24, '02.	Good	Bright	No	500 00
267	Parthenon ...	Chatham ...	82	12	11	10	7	1	0	0	0	Apr. 13, '03	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
274	Kent ...	Blenheim ...	71	4	8	4	4	3	...	1	2	June 24, '02	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
282	Lorne ...	Glencoe ...	52	4	4	4	3	...	...	30	00	...	Good	Good	Yes	None
290	Leamington ...	Leamington ...	91	9	5	1	0	3	0	4	0	Dec. 27, '02.	O. K.	Good	Yes	None
290	Leamington ...	Leamington ...	91	9	5	1	0	3	0	4	0	Dec. 27, '02.	Fair	Good	No	400 00
312	Pnyx ...	Wallaceburg ...	84	15	14	15	15	1	3	3	0	April, 1903.	Good	Good	No	500 00
327	The Hamond ...	Wardsville ...	20	1	2	2	2	...	1	0	0	June, 1902	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
336	Hughate ...	Hughate ...	62	3	1	4	3	3	0	1	0	Dec. 1902...	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
386	McColl ...	West Lorne ...	61	10	8	7	...	1	...	100	00	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
390	Florence ...	Florence ...	26	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Fair	No	125 00
391	Howard ...	Ridgetown ...	68	7	3	4	2	3	0	0	0	Jan. 6, '03	Fair	Good	Yes	250 00
395	Parvair ...	Comber ...	47	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	Dec. 30 '02.	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
402	Central ...	Essex ...	55	6	5	3	3	3	0	4	0	Dec. 27, '02.	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
403	Windsor ...	Windsor ...	156	2	0	9	8	4	2	7	0	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
411	Rodney ...	Rodney ...	26	6	4	4	3	2	...	110	3	June, 1902.	Fair	Good	No	200 00
413	Naphtali ...	Tubury ...	72	8	7	7	5	1	...	113	5	June, 1902.	Fair	Good	Yes	600 00
422	St. of the East ...	Bothwell ...	47	4	3	4	5	5	...	2	1	July 1, '02...	Very good	Good	Yes	210 00
448	Xenophon ...	Wheatley ...	27	3	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	June 5, '03.	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
UD	Century ...	Merlin ...	17	...	8	1	1	...	6	1	7	...	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Officers
and Members of Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting my report to Grand Lodge on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District No. 2, for the Masonic year 1902-1903, I wish at the outset to thank the brethren of the District for electing me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. The work in connection with the office has in many cases been arduous, but at all times pleasant. I have enjoyed meeting with the brethren, who have in every instance endeavored to make my visits pleasant. I have visited every lodge in the District, and have been delighted with the manner in which, on the whole, the work was rendered. With one or two exceptions the W. M's and other officers have been thoroughly competent, and I am satisfied that St. Clair District can hold its own in that regard with any district under Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

I appointed W. Bro. Germain, of Alvinston, District Secretary, and to say that he has been a model Secretary would be to put the matter lightly. Shortly after my election I left for England, and my work was well looked after during my absence by my Secretary, who is one of the best posted and most enthusiastic Masons in the District.

The work of a District Deputy in this District has to be done after the beginning of the new year, as every lodge but one (Havelock, No. 238, Watford) instals on December 27th, and I should advise each lodge to alter its by-laws and have election and installation in June, that a D. D. G. M. might do some of his visiting in the fall. By doing so lodges might receive more than one visit. As it is now, it is almost impossible to visit each lodge more than once.

I endeavored to visit all lodges on regular meeting nights, and succeeded in every case but one, where I went by request of the lodge to instal officers.

I also found during my visits that the P.D.D.G.M's of this District have been thoroughly posted Masons. Probably this has a great deal to do with the accuracy of the work.

At each lodge meeting I explained the method to be pursued in examining a visitor, and what is necessary in order to vouch for a brother. These lessons, I think, were interesting and instructive to the brethren.

I held a Lodge of Instruction at Strathroy on afternoon and evening of Friday, March 6th, under the auspices of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, at which the M. W. the G. M. honored our District with his presence. R. W. Bro. W. J. French, D.D.G.M. of Erie District No. 1; R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, of London District No. 3, and many P.D.D.G.M's of St. Clair District were also present. This was probably the most successful Lodge of Instruction ever held in St. Clair District, all lodges but one being represented. At this meeting R. W. Bro. Saunders, the I.P.D. D.G.M. was presented by R. W. Bro. John Sinclair, on behalf of St. Clair District, with a beautiful P.D.D.G.M. regalia. R. W. Bro. Saunders made a very neat reply, thanking the brethren for their kindness.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Harding, was presented with an address by Rev. Bro. Cluff on behalf of Beaver Lodge, to which he made a very eloquent reply.

Through the kindness of R. W. Bro. French, of Erie District No. 1, the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. A. McTaggart and officers of Lorne Lodge, Glencoe, Erie District No. 1. To say that this work was well put on is not sufficient. It was one of the most perfect degrees I have yet had the pleasure of witnessing, and I hope my successor will arrange with Erie District for another exchange of work at his Lodge of Instruction. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. A. Thoman and officers of Arkona Lodge, No. 307. Although Arkona is a small place, it has a good lodge, and their work was very good. Considering the opportunity they had, they did well indeed, W. Bro. Thoman being especially complimented by the G. M.

In the evening the third degree was exemplified by W.

Bro. Dr. Willmott and officers of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy. This was so well done that little room was left for criticism. After our meeting we were entertained to a banquet at the Queen's hotel by the Strathroy brethren, where the G. M. made an excellent address. Interesting speeches were also made by R. W. Bros. Essery and French, R. W. Bro. Calvert, M.P., acting as chairman.

During the year I recommended that supplementary grants be made to Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie, and to St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra.

I issued dispensations to the following lodges to attend divine service: Washington, No. 260, Petrolia; Petrolia, No. 194, Petrolia, and Beaver, No. 83, Strathroy.

During the year the following deaths were reported to me: William Houser, of Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward; A. Douglas, of Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, killed in Wanstead wreck; W. Bro. Alex. Cameron, Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier, killed in Wanstead wreck; Bro. R. Stevens, Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford. The first and last two named brethren were buried with Masonic honors.

January 7th, 1903. My first official visit was to Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, when I installed their officers. I again visited this lodge on June 3rd. The work of the evening was a first degree, conferred on a regular candidate by W. Bro. Dr. Winn, the W.M., and officers of the lodge. The work was very well done. I had the pleasure of seeing these officers confer the first degree at a Lodge of Instruction held at Chatham, in Erie District, on February 27th, at which the Grand Master and other G. L. officers were present. The G. M. complimented them very highly on their very efficient work. Seated with me in the East at Alvinston was R. W. Bro. Saunders, P.D. D.G.M., and a number of P.M.'s of Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford. This is probably the neatest and best equipped lodge room in St. Clair District. The Secretary, W. Bro. R. Code, is a splendid secretary.

January 13th. Accompanied by the District Secretary and a number of Alvinston brethren, I visited Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford. As there was no work on, the W. M., R. W. Bro. Saunders, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The officers did their work

fairly well, and although S. and J. W's are P. M's, they showed lack of practice. R. W. Bro. Saunders is one of the best workers in the District. I visited this lodge again on June 24th, and assisted by R. W. Bro. Dr. Newell installed their officers. Havelock now has a good set of officers, who are enthusiastic. Prospects are bright for this lodge, and they have in Bro. Watt a good Secretary. Entertained by the brethren after lodge closed.

January 14th. Visited Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne. Installed their officers and listened to a third degree conferred by W. Bro. Lawton, of Lorne Lodge, Glencoe, who is a splendid worker. The newly installed officers closed the lodge in the three degrees. This is one of the lodges that requires to brace up. None of the officers are well posted, the S. W., Bro. Neil Campbell, being probably the best posted of any. As the lodge is composed almost entirely of country members, they are unable to meet for practice as regularly as they should. Financially the lodge is in fair shape. **Dues not collected as promptly as they should be.** I think and hope Dufferin may do better in the future. Was well entertained by the brethren at the close of the lodge.

January 21st. Visited Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, on this date. The W. M., W. Bro. Wenino, and officers of the lodge conferred first degree in an almost faultless manner. The brethren are well drilled in the work, and give signs accurately and promptly when called to order. Officers are very enthusiastic and hard workers, and considering that this was their first attempt at work, I must say that the future of Tuscan is very bright indeed. Attendance at this meeting was large. The J. W., Bro. Shaw, is a model for any aspiring Warden to follow. I believe the great success of this lodge is due in a measure to W. Bro. W. F. Wrighton, Secretary of the Lodge, who drills the officers constantly. During the evening the I.P.M., by R. W. Bro. Judge Macwatt, with a handsome P. M. by R. W. Bro. Judge McWatt, with a handsome P. M. jewel. The W. M. opened and closed in second and third degrees correctly, and after many congratulatory remarks to officers of Tuscan by many P. M's and P.D.D.G.M's present the lodge was closed. Usual entertainment at close of lodge.

February 3rd. Visited Victoria Lodge, No. 56, this

evening. Attendance large. This lodge is the oldest and one of the most prosperous in St. Clair District. The W. M., W. Bro. Mitten, conferred the third degree very well indeed, considering that he has been recently installed, and this his first attempt at conferring degrees. He has a good set of officers, the S. D., Bro. McDonald, being one of the best I have had the pleasure of listening to. There were five applications for initiation received this evening. Although there are two lodges in Sarnia meeting in the same room, the greatest of harmony prevails, visits between the lodges being frequent. Attendance at both lodges always good. Bro. Watson is a very efficient Secretary. R. W. Bro. Judge Macwatt and R. W. Bro. A. W. Parks were present and offered some timely suggestions to both lodges. The P. M's of both lodges attend quite regularly and take great interest in the work. This, to a large extent, accounts for the correct manner in which these lodges work. Usual entertainment followed.

February 5th. Visited Burns Lodge, No. 153, this evening. Large attendance. Third degree conferred on a candidate by R. W. Bro. Coghlan. The W. M., W. Bro. Hodgins, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees correctly. The W. M. was to have conferred a first degree, but the candidate failed to show up. Am satisfied that the W. M. is a competent officer, as work he did was good. This is a prosperous lodge, always has good attendance. It boasts of two P.D.D.G.M's, R. W. Bro. Dr. Harvey and R. W. Bro. Coghlan. These P.D. D.G.M's take great interest in their own lodge. Before candidates are advanced they are compelled to recite obligation of previous degree, and are instructed in answers to Wardens. Wyoming brethren own their hall, and have a very prosperous and growing lodge. Was entertained at hotel at close of lodge meeting.

February 9th. Visited Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward, and witnessed a second degree conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. J. B. Livingston, in splendid form. W. Bro. Livingston has been a Mason a little over two years, but works like a veteran. He has a good class of officers under him. R. W. Bro. George is a model Secretary, and keeps the brethren in line. Besides a good attendance of Bismarck brethren, there were many present from Victoria and Tuscan lodges, Sarnia. The three:

lodges interchange visits, and the most friendly relations exist between them. Bismarck has plenty of work ahead, and the outlook is much brighter than it has been for some years. They certainly have a competent set of officers. Was entertained in lodge room at close of meeting.

February 10th. Visited St. John's Lodge, No. 81, this evening and put in a very pleasant time. Met at station by W. Bro. Small. Lodge opened on time, W. Bro. Young, the W. M., in the chair. Lodge opened to third degree in proper form, and then closed to first, when first degree was exemplified by W. M. and officers. It was well put on, the work of the S. W., Bro. Nixon, being especially good. This lodge is one of the oldest in the District. They own the building in which lodge is situated, which is now free from debt. Among the members of the lodge are many prominent Masons. This is the mother lodge of the late M. W. Bro. Hungerford. It has many P. M's, and a most noticeable thing is that all P. M's now living within reach of the lodge room are regular attendants, and are willing and able to occupy the chairs in absence of regular officers. After lodge was royally entertained at Bro. Graham's.

February 11th. Accompanied by W. Bro. Neil McLean, of Wyoming, I visited Forest lodge, No. 263, this evening. As there was no regular work on the W. M., W. Bro. Donald Ross, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. This work was well done. The attendance of P. M's at this lodge is good, and all appear to take an active part in the work. Forest has a very nice lodge room. This lodge is in a very healthy condition, and I feel confident that present officers will prove a success. Was entertained by the brethren at close of lodge.

February 12th. Visited Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs. R. W. Bro. Parks, the W. M., conferred first degree on candidate in perfect form. Was ably assisted by his Wardens, the S. W., Bro. Jackson, being one of the most perfect workers I have yet heard. The J. W., Bro. McGee, gave J. W's lecture well. Were all other Secretaries as good as W. Bro. W. S. Duggan, the Secretary of this lodge, the work of D.D.G.M. would be much lighter. This lodge owns its building. Was well entertained by the brethren.

February 13th. Visited Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strath-

roy, and welcomed by a large attendance. The W. M., W. Bro. Cornyn, and officers, conferred the third degree on a candidate. The W. M. performed his work fairly well, while the other officers were exceptionally good, and showed result of the careful drilling given them by W. Bro. Dr. Willmott. Auditors' report was read at this meeting, and showed lodge to be in a very prosperous condition financially. This lodge possesses several excellent critics, among the number being V. W. Bro. John Mallon and R. W. Bro. Whitehead. These brethren are regular attendants, and assist officers materially in their work. Beaver has a beautiful lodge room, and a large membership, and is constantly adding new material. With W. Bro. Dr. Willmott in the chair, this lodge conferred third degree at Lodge of Instruction held in their lodge room on March 6th. The Secretary of the lodge, W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, deserves credit for the manner in which he performs his duties.

March 4th. Accompanied by the District Secretary, W. Bro. Germain, I visited Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia, this evening. The W. M., W. Bro. McWhorter, opened lodge up to third degree, then closed in third and conferred second degree in a very impressive and correct manner. The S. W., Bro. Cooper, delivered his lecture in splendid style, and other officers also did their work well. This lodge is in good financial condition, dues being collected promptly by Secretary W. Bro. Dunlop. Seated with me in the East was R. W. Bro. John Sinclair, one of the stand-bys of the District, and R. W. Bro. Milner, both of whom, although not so young as they used to be, are very enthusiastic Masons, and rarely miss a lodge meeting. Lodge was closed in a very correct manner, after which I was entertained at the Fletcher House, where I listened to a splendid address on Masonry by R. W. Bro. Milner.

March 10th. Accompanied by W. Bro. P. T. McGibbon, of Victoria Lodge, Sarnia, and W. Bro. Carter, of Moore Lodge, Courtright, I visited St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra. Attendance was large in spite of very muddy state of the roads. W. M. and Deacons only regular officers in their places. W. Bro. Stokes and W. Bro. McGibbon each conferred a second degree, and W. Bro. Dr. Cowan a third. The W. M. was to have con-

ferred a first, but candidate failed to put in an appearance. This lodge is composed mostly of farmers and sailors, who appear to take great interest in the work. The W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in good style. Entertained by brethren after lodge.

March 11. Visited Huron Lodge, No. 392, Cam-lachie. The roads were at their worst, consequently attendance was small. As there was no regular work on, the W. M., W. Bro. Fulcher, opened the lodge in the three degrees in a fairly satisfactory manner. These brethren own their hall, and have a very good cash balance on hand. Lodge room very neat. They have some skilled workers in the lodge. Entertained at close of lodge.

March 12th. Visited Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright, this evening. Attendance very good, under the circumstances. The W. M., W. Bro. Carter, conferred first degree fairly well. Other officers very well up in their work also. In, W. Bro. Brown, one of their P. M's Moore Lodge has an excellent critic, and should have no excuse for not doing its work well. Entertained in lodge room.

April 8th. Visited Petrolea Lodge, No. 194, Petrolea. A large attendance of members and visitors, among the number being R. W. Bros. Milner and John Sinclair. The W. M., W. Bro. Barrett, conferred the third degree and opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very creditable manner; other officers also doing good work. There being two lodges in Petrolea causes a friendly rivalry, which accounts for the very good work of both lodges. Was royally entertained by the brethren at close of lodge at Fletcher House.

April 9th. Visited Arkona Lodge, No. 307, this evening. There was a very fair attendance. The W. M., W. Bro. Russell, conferred the first degree in a manner that left little room for criticism. The other officers also worked well. This lodge has a number of Past Masters who take great interest in the work, and are ever ready to fill any office in absence of regular officer. With W. Bro. Thoman in the chair this lodge conferred the second degree at Lodge of Instruction in Strathroy on March 6th. In Bro. F. Nelson, Arkona has a splendid Secretary.

May 6th. Visited Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden. This was one of the most pleasant visits I have yet had.

Among the many visitors was R. W. Bro. Saunders, the I.P.D.D.G.M. of the District. The attendance was very large. The W. M., W. Bro. Fawcett, conferred the first degree in a manner that left little to be desired, the other officers also doing good work. This lodge also boasts of many well skilled Past Masters, who are regular attendants, and frequently assist in performing the work. This lodge was burned out some time ago, but at present they have a very handsome room to meet in. They have plenty of work on. During the evening W. Bro. Wade was presented by W. Bro. Archer, on behalf of the lodge, with a beautiful P. M. jewel. W. Bro. Wade has been a faithful member of Leopold for a number of years. W. Bro. Dr. Seager is a very efficient Secretary, and although recently elected I am confident will soon collect their large arrearage of dues. After the meeting was entertained by the brethren.

May 8th. Accompanied by the District Secretary and a number of Alvinston brethren, I visited Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier, this evening. This was the first meeting this lodge has held in over five years. I proposed to the brethren to either remove the lodge to a better locality, where it might prosper, or that they waken up and work. There are very few brethren of this once prosperous lodge now living at or near Napier. The brethren asked for one month to consider what could be done, during which time they would collect outstanding dues and pay up Grand Lodge account. This I acceded to. The chair this evening was filled by W. Bro. Germain and officers of Alvinston Lodge. At expiration of the month I am pleased to state that the brethren are prepared to meet regularly, and at their next regular meeting will ballot for four candidates and receive two applications. I hope Ionic may continue to work at Napier.

May 11th. Visited Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford. There was a large number of visitors present from Forest, Arkona, Strathroy and other places. The W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Clarke, conferred the second degree very well, with R. W. Bro. Geo. Sutherland acting as S. D. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Morrison, a P. M. of Cassia Lodge, who does his work well. As not many of the regular officers were present I did not offer many criticisms. This lodge has also many P. M's, who are

regular attendants, among the number being R. W. Bro. Geo. Sutherland, who is an accurate worker. The Secretary of the lodge is careless with his work. Was entertained in usual manner after lodge closed.

In conclusion I again thank the brethren for electing me to this office. During my visits I formed many friendships that will never be forgotten. I feel that any criticisms that I have offered were taken in the spirit in which they were intended, and I can only bespeak for my successor the same uniform kindness and courtesy that has been extended to me by all the brethren throughout the District.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. B. MARTYN, M. D., D.D.G.M.,
St. Clair District No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in St. Clair District No. 2, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership			Degree's			Affiliations.			Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held.			Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.			%					
56	Victoria	Sarnia	156	14	0	13	14	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	30	\$10 00	5	47	25	Dec. 1902	First-class	Yes	Yes
81	St. John's	St. Brydges	47	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	18	15 00	4	16	00	July 8, '02	Good	Yes	\$1500 00
83	Beaver	Strathroy	94	2	0	6	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	30	10 00	6	225	00	Dec. 27, '02	Very good	Yes	1000 00
116	Cassia	Thedford	36	4	1	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	5 00	10	36	00	June 1902	Good	Yes	300 00
153	Burns	Wyoming	80	10	2	9	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	22	12 00	5	50	00	June 24, '02	Good	Yes	1200 00
158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	60	2	0	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	14	.....	22	85	32	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Yes	200 00
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	75	3	1	6	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	18	20 00	4	26	00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Yes	241 66
238	Havelock	Watford	55	0	3	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	12	35 00	4	30	00	June 24, '02	Good	Yes	300 00
260	Washing'tn	Petrolia	76	8	0	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	15	50 00	16	44	00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Yes	400 00
263	Forest	Forest	71	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	25	10 00	3	14	50	Dec. 27, '02	Good	No	300 00
274	Moore	Courtright	33	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	11	10 00	3	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Yes	.....
307	Arkona	Arkona	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	14	5 00	4	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Yes	200 00
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	54	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	10	16	25 00	18	84	00	June 27, '02	Good	Yes	500 00
328	Ionic	Napier	33	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	10	.....	7	75	00	June 24, '02	Good	No	500 00
364	Dufferin	McLaurie	53	3	0	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	13	20 00	7	40	00	Jan'y 1903	Good	Yes	Yew
397	Huron	Cambridge	56	4	0	6	5	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	10	13	25 00	33	300	00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	No	100 00
419	Bismarck	Bridgen	80	5	2	5	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	15	10 00	30	125	00	Dec. 27, '02	Fair	Yes	Yes
425	St. Clair	Sombra	61	10	0	9	11	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	14	20 00	16	105	25	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Yes	300 00
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	104	17	0	16	10	8	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	11	20	43 20	0	.....	.....	Dec. 29, '02	Excellent	Yes	Cover'd

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I submit for your consideration the following report on the condition of Masonry in the London District, No. 3, during the past year.

There are 26 lodges in this District, who have initiated 165 candidates, affiliated 34, and restored 10 members during the year, which, after deducting 23 deaths, 35 resignations and 46 suspensions, shows an increase of 105 and a total membership of 2,247.

Dispensations have been granted during the year to Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London, to remove from the Bartlett Block to the Blue Room in the Masonic Temple, and to St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas; St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley; St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth; Warren Lodge, No. 125, Fingal; Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont, and St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas, permitting the use of Masonic clothing whilst attending divine service, and dispensations were also obtained from the Most Worshipful Grand Master allowing St. John's Lodge, No. 20, and others, to use Masonic clothing at the Royal Arch "At Home," London, February 19th, 1903, and also at the reception given the Most Worshipful Grand Master by the eight lodges at London on March 4th, 1903, also permitting Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, at Nilestown, to install the officers on the 22nd day of June, 1903, and the proper fees were collected and sent to the Grand Secretary in each case.

I thank R. W. Bros. J. B. Martyn, M.D., R. M. Cassels and W. J. Ferguson, D.D.G.M's of Nos. 2, 4 and 5 Districts, for their kind invitations to the Lodges of Instruc-

tion held at Strathroy and Stratford respectively, and congratulate them upon the splendid results obtained on each occasion.

I also thank R. W. Bros. F. Guest, M.D., O. Ellwood, S. Dubber, J. S. Dewar, A. G. McWhinnie, G. F. Morris, A. E. Cooper and J. Thornicroft, V. W. Bros. W. C. Fitzgerald and W. A. Guest, W. Bros. H. Roe, Dr. Leitch, R. McCully, G. Armstrong, R. F. O'Neil, J. Lawson, W. J. Eliment, G. E. Norman, J. E. Malone, A. R. Galpin, J. A. Tancock, F. G. Davis, N. A. Buchner, E. W. M. Flock, A. Currie, M. J. Maitland, Dr. C. F. New, J. Robertson and others for their kind assistance during my official visits to the lodges in the District.

Visited St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas, September 4th, 1902. The W. M., W. Bro. Edward H. Caughill, and officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees and conferred the third degree in a very impressive manner. R. W. Bro. Frederick Guest, M.D., the immediate P.D.D.G.M., presented the lodge with a fine portrait of himself in official regalia. Another interesting feature was the presentation of a P. M. apron to V. W. Bro. John Midgley, in acknowledgment of services rendered during forty-one years' membership. The books of this lodge are well kept. The Secretary and Treasurer, R. W. Bros. L. Slater and S. Dubber, are both P.D.D.G.M's. The officers all work splendidly together. The lodge rooms are first-class, and the lodge exercises a good influence in the District.

Visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 230, London, November 4th, 1902. The W. M., W. Bro. John E. Malone, and the officers, conferred the third degree in first-class style, and opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in the same way. The books are kept in good condition by V. W. Bro. H. C. Simpson. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, and the members pride themselves on their excellent choir.

Visited Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Lawrence Station, November 21st, 1902. The W. M., W. Bro. Alfred Widdifield, conferred the second degree in an excellent manner, and afterwards opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees. The books are well looked after by W. Bro. C. H. Smith, M.D. The lodge room is a good one, and the even work of the officers is creditable to the lodge.

Visited St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London, December 4th, 1902. The W. M., W. Bro. Charles H. Ward, and the officers conferred the second degree splendidly and opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees in the same way. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. Andrew Ellis, keeps the books in excellent condition. It being election night, the officers were all raised a step, and were entitled to the promotion.

Visited King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, London, at an emergent meeting, December 11th, 1902. The W. M., W. Bro. Thomas G. Davis, and the officers conferred the first degree in a very able manner and opened and closed the lodge in the other degrees. Visited again December 11th, 1902, it being election night. W. Bro. Davis and the officers opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees, but conferred no degrees. The books of this lodge have been looked after by Bro. W. Nicholls for some years. The Treasurer, W. Bro. W. J. Element, keeps the finances in good shape by insisting on prompt payments. The lodge is in good condition, and meets in the Knights Templar hall, Ontario Loan Buildings.

Visited St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas, December 18th, 1902. The W. M., W. Bro. Geo. Armstrong, and the officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner, and opened and closed the lodge in the other degrees, working well together. W. Bro. Robert McCully, chairman of committee, on behalf of the District, presented R. W. Bro. Frederick Guest, M.D., I.P.D.D.G.M., with a set of Grand Lodge clothing and insignia in recognition of his services to the District, in the presence of over fifty distinguished visitors, including W. Bro. Dr. Young, who made an able address. The books of this lodge are kept in good shape by Bro. Frederick S. Lewis, who is a capable Secretary, and the lodge is in a prosperous condition, having splendid rooms, with banquet hall attached.

Visited Union Lodge, No. 380, London, February 9th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. W. S. Davidson, and the officers conferred the first degree and opened and closed the lodge in the other degrees in good style, the W. M. and Junior Warden being specially commendable. The Secretary, Bro. Joseph Ward, is an efficient officer, and the Past Masters are always ready to assist in the work. A

P. M's jewel was presented to W. Bro. M. J. Maitland, the retiring W. M., who won it fairly. This lodge is in a strong position.

Visited Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal, February 10th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. George E. Norman, and the officers conferred the third degree and opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees in a very efficient manner, working well together. The books are looked after by Bro. D. Cameron, who is efficient, and the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Visited Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville, February 13th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. W. Doran, and the officers opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees in a very correct manner. They had no work, but the Past Masters assured me the W. M. and other officers could confer the degrees properly. The Secretary, W. Bro. D. D. York, is a very efficient officer, and the lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

Visited St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth, February 25th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. Frederick Thornicroft, and the officers conferred the third degree and opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees in a very satisfactory manner. The books of this lodge have been well kept. The lodge owns its own hall, and is in a very prosperous condition.

Visited The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London, March 2nd, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. S. J. Radcliffe, and the officers conferred the second degree in a very correct manner, and the lodge was opened and closed in the other degrees in the same way. The books of this lodge are models, and the present Secretary, W. Bro. Marrigault, is keeping up the reputation of his predecessor, R. W. Bro. Broderick, for first-class work. Splendid addresses were delivered by R. W. Bro. Archdeacon Davis, P. G. Chaplain, and others.

Visited Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown, March 10th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. McKenzie Procurier, and the officers conferred the second degree on two members in an impressive manner and opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees, working well together. This lodge owns its hall, and is in good condition. The banquet given by this lodge was noticeable for the display of flags and patriotic decorations.

Visited Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London, March 20th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. E. W. M. Flock, and the officers conferred the first degree in a very correct manner, and afterwards opened and closed the lodge in the other degrees equally well. The Secretary, W. Bro. Overell, is a very efficient officer, and the lodge is in first-class condition. The proceedings wound up with a magnificent Dutch supper, which not only filled the guests, but the whole building. It was a highly seasoned affair.

Visited Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale, April 7th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. J. W. Ford, M.D., and the officers opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees in correct form, there being no other work. The officers worked well together. The books of this lodge are kept in a first-class manner by W. Bro. Meade N. Wright, who is very efficient. The lodge own their own hall and stables, and the lodge is in a good financial condition.

Visited King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford, April 8th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. John S. Robinson, and the officers conferred the second degree in a very efficient manner. Afterwards the lodge was opened and closed in the other degrees in good form. The books are kept well by the Secretary, W. Bro. Joseph T. Lloyd. The lodge owns the building in which they meet, which comprises lodge room, banquet hall, and residence, and the lodge is a prosperous one. This lodge is noted for the manner in which the members annually entertain their wives and families, their At Homes being creditable alike to the District and themselves.

Visited Belmont Lodge, No. 190, at Belmont, April 10th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. Daniel A. McPherson, and the officers conferred the second degree in a first-class manner, and afterwards opened and closed in the other degrees, after which R. W. Bro. John Royal opened a very interesting discussion, followed by R. W. Bros. A. E. Cooper and O. Ellwood, and W. Bro. J. Lawson. Then there was a very enjoyable banquet, and whilst on the road home we attended the wedding festivities of a brother's son, where W. Bro. John Lawson appointed himself master of ceremonies and insisted that part of my duties was to tender advice to the bride and groom, which was done in a manner that I hope will reflect great credit upon my successor.

Visited St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London, April 14th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. George F. Mills, and the officers conferred the first degree and one second degree in what is known as the Irish work in first-class style, and opened and closed the lodge in the other degrees. The officers are well up in their respective duties. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. M. D. Dawson, is very efficient, and this lodge is the wealthiest in the district, with assets of \$5,000.00.

Visited Middlesex Lodge, No. 397, Bryanston, May 6th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. Samuel Lamport, and the officers opened and closed the lodge in the degrees very nicely. Afterwards W. Bro. Flock, at the W. M.'s request, conferred the third degree. The W. M. can confer the first two degrees. This lodge owns its hall, and has nice lodge rooms. The Secretary, W. Bro. Alexander Grant, is an efficient officer, and the Past Masters are regular in their attendance.

Visited Doric Lodge, No. 298, Lobo, May 7th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. D. A. Steele, and the officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a creditable manner. This lodge has had no increase of membership during the year. They own their own hall and hold their meetings regularly. The Secretary, W. Bro. P. J. Graham, attends to his work well. There were a number of visitors present, who were splendidly entertained.

Visited Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware, May 8th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. R. McFee, and the officers conferred the first degree in an impressive manner, and afterwards opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees equally well. The present Secretary, W. Bro. J. R. Hammond, is a very capable officer, and under his care the lodge books will be well looked after. This lodge has good quarters and fair prospects.

Visited Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton, May 11th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. Peter Bowey, and the officers conferred the second degree in a very creditable manner and opened and closed the lodge in the other degrees satisfactorily. The Secretary, W. Bro. R. H. Morgan, is an efficient officer. The lodge owns its hall, and is in a prosperous condition. On the 13th of March previous I presided at a benefit concert given by this lodge in aid

of a sick brother hailing from an American lodge, but a former resident. R. W. Bro. T. E. Robson, P.D.D.G.M., and other members of the lodge and their families furnished the most of the program, and their individual performances displayed ability that would hold its own with prominent professionals. Result, crowded house, \$117.50 for the sick brother, and a splendid example for others to follow.

Visited St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley, May 12th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. Walter Mitchell, and the officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very correct manner. There was no other work, but the W. M. can confer the degrees. The Secretary, Bro. Edward Witty, attends to his duties in a business way. The lodge is in good condition and has a beautiful hall.

Visited Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton, May 20th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. Donald A. Cameron, M.D., and the officers conferred the third degree in a very impressive manner and opened and closed the lodge in the other degrees in good form in the presence of a large number of visitors. The Secretary, W. Bro. J. R. Paton, keeps the books in good shape. The members are enthusiastic, and the lodge is prosperous in every way.

Visited Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer, June 3rd, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. George Stewart, and the officers conferred the second degree and opened and closed the lodge in the other degrees in splendid style, and W. Bro. Dr. Woods, P. M., also conferred the third degree in the same way. This lodge has beautiful rooms, elegantly furnished, a portrait gallery of Past Masters who adorn the seats as well, and who are amongst the most enthusiastic workers on every possible occasion.

Visited Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station, June 4th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. Charles Morrison, and the officers opened the lodge in the first degree. Afterwards W. Bro. R. F. O'Neil, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford, with other Past Masters therefrom, installed the elected officers in a very correct manner, and then W. Bro. Frederick Sanders opened and closed the lodge in the other degrees nicely. The members are working together, and the lodge prospects are better than they have been for years.

Visited St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London, June 5th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. S. J. Southcott, and the officers conferred the third degree in the presence of a large number of visitors, in what is called the Irish work, in their well known style, showing considerable ability, Bro. Jarid Vining's work being especially noticeable. The books of this lodge are well kept by the Secretary, and the lodge is in a strong and healthy condition.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. ESSERY, D.D.G.M.,

London District No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	MEMBERSHIP.		DEGREE'S CONF'D		SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D.	RESTORATIONS.	AFFILIATIONS.	MEETINGS HELD.			TOTAL OF ALL ARREARAGES.	DATE OF LAST G. L. RETURN.	FINANCIAL STANDING.	PROSPECTS OF LODGE.	CAN W. M. WORK ALL DEGREES.	INSURANCE.
		Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	M. M.				Regular.	Emergency.	Total.						
20 St. John's.	London	180	7	17	16	1	2	2	113	11	24	250 00	June 30, '02	Strong	Good	Yes	J'n't ins
42 St. George.	London	136	3	8	8	6	2	1	2	10	2	55 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	J'n't ins
44 St. Thomas	St. Thomas	213	9	11	10	11	10	5	3	14	2	140 00	Dec. 27, '02	First-class	Good	Yes	\$800 00
64 Kilwinning	London	182	1	9	9	7	2	3	2	10	2	125 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
91 St. Mark's.	Port Stanley	43	1	2	2	2	1	1	14	1	15	15 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
107 St. Paul's.	Lambeth	61	1	2	2	2	1	2	12	2	14	.....	Dec. 31, '02	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
120 Warren	Fingal	52	8	9	8	1	1	1	13	4	17	25 00	April 16, '03	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
140 Malahide	Aylmer	99	5	5	6	3	1	1	13	2	15	30 00	July 2, '02	Good	Good	Yes	105 00
171 Fr. of Wales	Lawrence Sta.	46	6	3	4	1	2	2	10	1	13	65 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
190 Belmont	Belmont	36	2	3	3	4	1	1	12	1	13	80 00	June, 1902	Good	Very Fair	Yes	105 00
195 The Tuscan	London	78	6	4	5	3	2	1	10	10	21	7	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Fair	Yes	1000 00
229 ^a St. John's.	London	223	17	18	15	15	5	1	2	11	10	138 75	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	J'n't ins
232 Cameron	Dutton	55	8	9	1	9	1	1	10	4	14	325 00	May 4, '02	Good	Excellent	Yes	300 00
289 Doric	Lobo	42	1	1	1	1	1	2	10	1	11	91 50	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
300 Mt. Olive	Thorndale	33	4	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	9	104 00	Dec. 27, '02	Fair	Not bright	No	.....
302 St. David's.	St. Thomas	179	11	16	10	12	3	2	13	2	15	12 00	June 24, '02	Very Good	Very Fair	Yes	600 00
330 Corinnthian	London	217	1	10	8	8	.....	2	3	13	15	213 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Very bright	Yes	600 00
334 Merrill	Dorchester Sta	23	1	1	10	8	.....	1	4	13	14	75 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Fair	Yes	.....
345 Nilestown.	Nilestown	27	1	2	2	3	.....	.....	5	5	10	40 00	Feb. 5, '03	Good	Fair	Yes	450 05
358 Del. Valley	Delaware	36	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	1	12	30 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	750 00
379 King Sol.	London	77	1	9	8	6	1	1	12	2	13	92 00	June 24, '02	Good	Rotten	Yes	800 00
380 Middlesex	Brayston	57	1	1	1	2	3	.....	12	2	14	50 00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
388 Henderson	Iliderton	157	10	16	17	17	3	1	8	8	12	38 00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
394 King Sol.	Thamesford	39	3	1	2	3	2	.....	2	12	31	238 50	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	J'n't ins
399 Moffat	Harrietsville	64	3	9	6	4	4	.....	13	3	16	97 00	July 4, '02	Fair	Fair	Yes	.....
		92		6	4	4	.....	.....	10	2	12	117 50	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
									13	3	16	18 75	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Fair	Yes	None

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in South Huron District, No. 4, for the past year, and at the same time I desire to express thanks to the brethren of the District for electing me to the high position of D. D. G. M., an honor which I feel I personally undeserved, but which was a tribute to Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford, of which I am proud to be a member, and which is my mother lodge.

Bearing in mind M. W. Bro. H. Murray's instructions to all the D. D. G. M's that our report on the condition of Masonry should be short, I will endeavor to follow his instructions, and with all the brevity possible make my report.

When elected to the important position of D. D. G. M. of South Huron District I came fully resolved to do my duty faithfully and to the best of my ability. I immediately arranged for a Lodge of Instruction, to be held on the 10th day of December at the Masonic Hall, Stratford, and asked the co-operation of R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, D.D.G.M. of North Huron District, No. 5. There was a very large attendance of the brethren from both districts, in fact, many were unable to get into the lodge room, and I am sure that the occasion was one of much pleasure and lasting benefits to the brethren. There were present the M. W. the Grand Master, J. E. Harding; M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Lodge Instructor; R. W. Bro. B. Allan, D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, and a number of other Grand Lodge officers. The three degrees were beautifully conferred, the first by Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton; the second by Lebanon Forest, No. 133, Exeter, and the third by Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to the W. M's of Tecumseh Lodge and Stratford Lodge and their members for kindly placing the lodge room at my service, and for their magnificent hospitality in entertaining the large number of visitors in the refreshment room at the conclusion of the work of the lodge. I also desire to thank the W. M. and officers of Zurich Lodge, Lebanon Forest Lodge, Cedar Lodge and Stratford Lodge for their cheerful compliance with my request to the exemplification of the degrees, and to congratulate them on the very excellent manner in which every officer performed his duty, and I cannot let the opportunity pass without especially thanking R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, D.D.G.M., and the members of Cedar Lodge for their ready assistance.

I am very glad to be able to report that Masonry is flourishing throughout this District. There appears to be a constant increase in membership with most of the lodges, and I believe that the character and standing of those who are being added to our numbers are such as to be of great benefit to the Order. I am rejoiced to find that there is great harmony prevailing throughout the district, not a single complaint having come to notice.

During the year I granted dispensations to Irving Lodge, Lucan, and Maitland Lodge, Goderich, to attend divine service clothed as Masons; to Stratford Lodge, to install on June 25th.

The death roll during the year, as reported to me, is as follows: W. Bro. J. Chidley, W. M. of Clinton Lodge, No. 84; W. Bro. H. J. Powell, Stratford Lodge, No. 332; Bro. Alex. Cowen, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford.

I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to promote accuracy and uniformity in the work, and I am pleased to say that on nearly all occasions I have found the work to be well done, and that I had the pleasure, in most instances, of congratulating the officers on their work rather than the contrary. I have urged the officers to rehearse their work as often as possible, so as to become accurate and easy in all the floor work, as well as perfect in ritual.

St. James' Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's: I visited the lodge on September 1st. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. J. Mooney and W. Bros. C. A. Mayberry and W. Wilson. I was pleased to find that the lodge was in a flourishing condition. The W. M., W. Bro. White, ex-

emplified the third degree. It was well done by himself and his officers, and the prosperity of the lodge is promising for the future.

Elma Lodge, Monkton (working under dispensation): I visited on March 5th. Monkton being about 22 miles from Stratford, and no railway service, I took the train to Mitchell and drove the rest of the distance, about 10 miles. The roads were very bad, and consequently it was late when I arrived. However, I found a fair attendance, and a very nice commodious lodge room, being well equipped for the exemplification of the three degrees. The W. M., Bro. Chalmers, opened and closed in the three degrees, and with the assistance of his officers conferred one in a most creditable manner. The lodge is prosperous, having since June, 1902, added a good number to the roll.

Lebanon Forest, No. 133, Exeter: I visited this lodge on March 9th. I took the occasion of thanking them for the assistance they rendered me at the Lodge of Instruction, and for the pleasure W. Bro. Carley and officers afforded the brethren in the exemplification of the second degree. I had the further pleasure of congratulating W. Bro. Dickson and officers, and placing them among the foremost lodges in the district, having conferred the third degree in a manner almost absolutely correct. If I may judge from my own experience, a visitor to Lebanon Forest is always heartily and royally entertained.

New Dominion, No. 205, Hamburg: I visited this lodge on March 24th and found only a small attendance, owing, as I was informed, largely to the smallpox scare. The W. M. and officers conferred the first degree, and I regret to say that the work was not very well done owing to the W. M. having little or no assistance from the J. W., S. W., and the I. G., they having been almost continually absent from the village. I took occasion to counsel the brethren in reference to the poor work, advising frequent rehearsals. I have no doubt, from the material they have, that the officers both can and will show marked improvement. The Secretary, W. Bro. Holley, takes a great interest in the lodge, of which he is a respected member. In company with others I was hospitably entertained.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich: I paid my official visit to this lodge on March 31st, and was gratified at the fair attendance of members and visitors. The lodge has

most comfortable quarters, having in connection with the lodge room a reading and smoking room, nicely furnished, which shows the prosperity of the lodge. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Clark and the officers very well.

Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden: I visited Wilmot Lodge on April 13th. Owing to the very inclement weather, the night being wet and very stormy, there was a small attendance. However, it can be considered good in view of their membership being largely from the country, and it being almost impossible to have driven in that night. The lodge is in a prosperous condition. W. Bro. Buttler conferred the second degree in a creditable manner. I was hospitably entertained.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth: I visited Blyth Lodge on April 14th, and was delighted to find a good attendance, a number of brethren having driven from Wingham. This lodge is favored with a good number of Past Masters, who take a lively interest in the prosperity of the lodge, and who, I imagine, are but seldom absent. I had the pleasure in learning that there is an abundance of work to be done. The W. M., W. Bro. Scarth, conferred the second degree in a very creditable manner. At the conclusion of the work we retired for refreshments, where a social time was spent. The lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan: I visited Irving Lodge on April 16th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Hodgins, of Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth. The W. M., W. Bro. Hodgins, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees well, and conferred two thirds very creditably. I was delighted to see a good attendance and to note that the prosperity of the lodge is exceptionally good. This lodge had more Past Masters in attendance than any other lodge I had the pleasure of visiting. They are all men of ability, and their regular attendance lends strength and support to the Lodge. At the conclusion of the degree work we retired to the dining room, where a real social hour was spent.

Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton: I visited Clinton Lodge on April 17th, and was pleased to see a good attendance. This lodge, like some others in the District, pride themselves on their large number of capable Past Masters. The East, on this occasion, was well adorned,

and I had the pleasure of having R. W. Bro. Shaw sitting on my left. I am sorry to report that W. Bro. Chidley died shortly after his election. His work was ably taken up by the I.P.M., W. Bro. Hoover, who, with the assistance of the officers, conferred the first degree well. This lodge comprises a number of Masonic students, who are well up in the traditional history.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill: I visited Doric Lodge on April 20th. There was a splendid gathering of members and visitors to welcome me. R. W. Bro. Dawson belongs to this lodge. He is a regular attendant, and no doubt the lodge benefits by his experience. The W. M., W. Bro. Griffith, is a young man, and seemed considerably nervous, still he conferred the third degree well. He is supported by an excellent staff of officers, who give him every assistance. At the close of the meeting the brethren were entertained. The program of toasts followed brought forth responses highly entertaining and well calculated to promote the best interests of the lodge socially.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth: I visited Britannia Lodge on April 22nd. I was very pleased to be received by W. Bro. Neil, a young man I have known for a number of years. He has taken a great interest in Masonry, having filled the junior offices successfully, and is now filling the W. M.'s chair in a manner well worthy of mention, and calculated to shed lustre on himself. He is well supported by his junior officers. This lodge has two former Grand Lodge officers, R. W. Bro. Read, who is Secretary of the Lodge, and R. W. Bro. Hodgins, to whom the lodge often refers to for advice and regularly adorns the east. W. Bro. Neil is a good ritualist, and even in view of my having a severe cold, so intense I had almost lost my voice, I enjoyed witnessing the conferring of the first degree, it being rendered in a pleasant and impressive manner.

Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell: I visited Tudor Lodge on the evening of May 5th. There was a fair attendance. W. Bro. Schafer, having before graced the East, and filled the important position with satisfaction to the brethren, he was, after an interval of a few years, re-elected to the important position, and it is needless to say he is a good ritualist and can exemplify all the degrees well. I had, on this occasion, the pleasure of

meeting many gentlemen whom I had learned to like as brethren from frequent visits exchanged by this lodge and the Stratford lodges. At the close we were entertained. Not having sufficient room adjoining the lodge room we retired to Bro. Coppin's ice cream parlor, where a pleasant hour was spent.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Smith Hill: On the evening of May 6th I visited Morning Star Lodge. I was accompanied by several of the brethren from Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, the lodge having made all the arrangements for our transportation to Smith Hill, about 7 miles distance from Goderich. Although it was a busy time for most of the members of Morning Star Lodge, being mostly farmers, I was delighted to see a good attendance and to be able to report that Masonry is flourishing with this lodge. They have a great many Past Masters, who regularly adorn the East, and apparently each is capable, in the unexpected absence of an officer, to fill the position and to do it creditably to himself and the lodge. W. Bro. Young conferred the first degree well. His J. W. being absent, the South was filled by W. Bro. Robertson.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall: I visited Zurich Lodge on May 7th. I took train to Seaforth, and a number of the brethren of Britannia lodge accompanied me to Hensall, having to drive about 10 miles. I have to thank the brethren for the hospitality extended to me, having arranged for the transportation and for my pleasure and comfort. I was delighted to find a good attendance and a commodious lodge room. The work was well conferred by W. Bro. Scruton, who is capable of exemplifying all the degrees in a pleasing and forceable manner. I feel particularly indebted to this lodge for the ready response they gave to my call to take part at the Lodge of Instruction. At the conclusion of the degree, together with other visitors, we were entertained.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford: I visited Tecumseh Lodge, on May 27th. I was escorted into the lodge room, a beautiful and commodious room, well equipped for the exemplifying of the degrees, and if I correctly understood the M. W. the Grand Master and M. W. Bro. H. Murray, is likely equal to any under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, by R. W. Bro. J. Russell Stew-

art, P.G.J.W., and R. W. Bro. W. J. Mooney, P.D.D.G. M., and received by W. Bro. John Stevenson, a young man of good address and of ability well calculated to adorn the East. There was a fair attendance. W. Bro. Stevenson is a good ritualist, free and easy delivery. He conferred the third degree impressively. I feel my thanks are particularly due to this lodge for the assistance they gave at the Lodge of Instruction, and also for receiving the Grand Lodge Officers on that occasion. After the degree work I was royally entertained.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford: This being my own lodge, of course I attended when my other engagements would permit, but I paid my official visit on the 8th day of June, being introduced by W. Bro. Sanagan, who was W. M.-elect when I was initiated, and by W. Bro. Mayberry. The evening was not called for the exemplification of degrees, but for receiving my official visit and the presentation of Past Master's jewels. Quite unlooked for on my part, the W. M. asked me to present the jewels, and I assure you I readily accepted the honor of presenting them to W. Bro. J. I. Moore, W. Bro. Frank Jeffrey and W. Bro. C. A. Mayberry, who are tried members and well skilled in our noble science and royal art. This lodge, together with Tecumseh, meet in the same rooms, and the brethren regularly exchange fraternal visits. There was a good attendance, and W. Bro. Williams and the officers opened and closed in the three degrees. As a long program was arranged, and in view of W. Bro. Williams and his officers having conferred the third degree at the Lodge of Instruction to the pleasure and delight of all present, drawing from M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Lodge Instructor, and other Grand Lodge officers, praise of the highest order, I considered it unnecessary for time to be taken up in degree work. At this meeting the lodge highly approved of M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding's desire to raise a semi-century fund and to work the Jubilee of Grand Lodge by raising \$100,000 for the further protection of the indigent and infirmed Masons. The toast list, that is common to both lodges, brought forth responses calculated to uphold the dignity of the Order.

At the time of writing I had not received reports from all the lodges in the District, so have refrained from giving any statistics.

I have examined the books in each of the Lodges during my visits, and I found them invariably accurate and reflecting great credit on the secretaries of the lodges.

In conclusion I wish to express the pleasure I have felt in visiting the different lodges throughout the District. I have been loyally received and hospitably entertained, and I have been met with fraternal courtesy wherever I have gone. I can only hope that a small portion of the profit which I have received during my year of office has been experienced by the lodges, which did me the honor of making me the representative of the G.M. in South Huron District No. 4.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. M. CASSELS, D.D.G.M.,

South Huron District, No. 4.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in North Huron District, No. 5, for the past year.

I desire, at the outset, again to express my thanks to the brethren for the honor conferred on me in my election as Deputy of the M. W. the Grand Master in this District, and also for the kindness, courtesy and consideration shown to me by them since my assumption of the duties of that high office.

My first official act was the appointment of Bro. S. E. Foster, Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, as my District Secretary, and I have great pleasure in stating that he has faithfully and efficiently discharged every duty which fell to his lot during my term of office.

My next act was to issue a general circular letter to the Worshipful Masters of the several lodges in the District, notifying them of such appointment, and giving a few suggestions, urging them to qualify themselves thoroughly and to take pains in the training of their subordinate officers.

On the 9th September, 1902, I had the honor of attending the M. W. the Grand Master, and assisting, as Deputy Grand Master, in the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone of St. James' Church, at the Village of Cargill, the success of which was somewhat marred by the severe rain storms of the day.

JOINT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Having been invited by R. W. Bro. R. M. Cassels, D.D. G.M. South Huron District, No. 4, to unite with him in holding a joint Lodge of Instruction for our two Districts,

which formerly composed the Huron District, to be held at the city of Stratford, at which it was intended to invite the presence of the Grand Master and other distinguished Grand Lodge officers, I had great pleasure in accepting his invitation, and particularly so as the occasion was partly intended to do some honor to the Grand Master by the Huron District, over which he had formerly presided as D.D.G.M., on account of his elevation to the highest position in the gift of the fraternity. The joint meeting was held at Stratford on December 10th, 1902, and it was further honored by the presence of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. Ben. Allen, D.G.M., and many other prominent and distinguished Grand Lodge officers. At that time I had not visited the lodges, and I was not in a position to select a lodge to take part therein with a knowledge of their respective merits, but I felt confident that Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Warton, was able to do good work. Accordingly I asked W. Bro. S. J. Cameron, P. M. (the W. M. being incapacitated by illness), and the officers of Cedar Lodge to exemplify the first degree. My request was promptly accepted, for the officers of this lodge do not make excuses at such a request. They are ready and willing to exemplify a degree, as they understand it, and to learn from others, too, for they love Masonry. W. Bro. Cameron was accompanied by eight of the officers and the quartette choir of the lodge, as well as by R. W. Bro. Jas. Walmsley, P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bro. N. M. Moore, P. M. I am pleased to think that the first degree, with the musical service, as conferred by W. Bro. Cameron and his officers, met with general favor and approval, even in this city distinguished for the perfection of its work. I feel confident also that Cedar Lodge and the visitors from North Huron learned much from their attendance, for they saw in the work of Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter, in the second degree, and particularly in that of Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford, in the third degree, a high order of excellence and perfection. I consider this Lodge of Instruction to have been a most successful and instructive one. The presence of the Grand Master and the Grand Instructor gave more authority to decisions, and their commendation was something to be proud of. The Stratford lodges have a perfectly equipped lodge room:—I believe the best one in the

Province. The exemplification of work, particularly by Stratford Lodge, was an object lesson of careful preparation and perfection. I have to thank R. W. Bro. Cassels and the committee of the two lodges of Stratford, on behalf of my District, for many kind courtesies and attention given to us in Stratford. The banquet which followed the meeting, in honor of M. W. the Grand Master, was most enjoyable and entertaining, in the success of which the singing of Bro. Chas. Kelly and the Cedar Lodge choir contributed.

On the 3rd February, 1903, I commenced my official visits to the lodges, the Lodge of Instruction having served as an excellent preparation. I visited all of them once, and by a little extra travelling I was able to reach 15 out of the 19 lodges at their regular meetings. I found nearly all the lodges in a high state of efficiency, doing excellent work, even in the smaller lodges, with the facilities they have. I am not satisfied with the condition of three of them, but I believe the members can pull themselves together and remedy or remove the causes of decline and lack of interest. Hereinafter written will be found a detailed report of my visits to the several lodges. I am pleased to state that there is not one lodge in the District which is not in good financial standing. I do not think the table, showing the work done, etc., appended to this report, shows a fair comparison of the arrearages of dues outstanding, for I believe some of the lodges only give the amount of dues, owing on 24th June, of those which fell due on 27th December previously, while others give the amount owing on 24th June of the dues reckoned up to that date. The arrearages of dues are generally moderate. In my addresses to the lodges I strongly recommended accuracy in the wording as the first essential, after which manner and method should be cultivated, and that these would naturally follow a knowledge of the working and meaning of the degree. I made a few suggestions where I thought they would lead to order and neatness, and in each lodge I spoke on the symbolism of the degree, which was presented to me, and the moral teaching and the meaning and intention of the degree.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION.

I found in some few of the lodges the practice still pre-

vailing of reading the charges to candidates. I discouraged its continuance, pointing out that the charge is part of the work of the Master, and that it should be delivered by him or a P. M. from the East. This practice would quickly disappear if the Master in any lodge where it prevails would himself set the example of delivering them, for thereafter his successor in office would endeavor not to be behind him in that respect. If he finds it impossible to do that himself he should ask one of the P. M's, preferably the I. P. M., to undertake the duty on his behalf.

There should also be in each lodge some well qualified P. M. who would undertake to get up thoroughly the installation ceremony. In some lodges, I understand, the work is slovenly and carelessly done, and the officers installed have, in consequence, but a faint knowledge of the beauty and solemnity of the ceremony. This work could be very well divided between two or more P. M's.

During the year Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton, and St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton, forwarded to me their by-laws for the approval of the Grand Master to changes and amendments in them.

I issued a dispensation to Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow, to attend divine service on Sunday, June 28th, 1903.

DEATHS.

On the 11th day of September, 1902, there passed to his final rest, at the village of Lucknow, R. W. Bro. John S. Tennant, M. D. In his lifetime Dr. Tennant had played a prominent and honorable part in the municipal and political affairs of that village and of the County of Bruce. His generous and unselfish disposition and kindly heart won him a host of friends. He first saw light as a Mason in Union Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, subsequently becoming a charter member of Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow, and later its Master. In 1896 he was elected D.D. G.M. of this District. I had the honor of being W. M. of my lodge during his year of office, and I very well recollect the kindly advice and encouragement he gave me on the occasion of his visit to the lodge. His death, I consider, a loss to the whole District.

I find that there have been seven other deaths in the Dis-

trict, but the names of the members have not generally been reported to me.

DISTRICT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

I held a Lodge of Instruction for the District on Friday, May 15th, 1903, at the town of Wingham, under the warrant of Wingham Lodge, No. 286, at which most of the lodges in the southern part of the District were represented. The first degree was conferred upon a candidate by W. Bro. Rev. William Lowe, W. M., and the officers of Wingham lodge, in the afternoon, after which the second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. M. J. MacPherson, W. M., and the officers of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine. In the evening the third degree was exemplified by V. W. Bro. C. F. Harris, P. M., and R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, P. M., and the officers of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton. The occasion was specially honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, who was received at the evening meeting, with the usual formalities, by the W. M. of Wingham lodge, after which the work of the third degree was proceeded with. I was greatly pleased to have the presence of the Grand Master at this Lodge of Instruction, although it must have been at a great sacrifice of his valuable time. His presence, however, made the meeting a pronounced success, for I feel certain that the very announcement thereof stirred up each lodge to present its best work before him, and after all there is much more to be learned by the careful and attentive study of the officers themselves than by any other means. Indeed, a Lodge of Instruction, to my mind, is more particularly beneficial to the lodges selected to do the work than to any other, for it induces concerted study on the part of the officers to make their work perfect. It is certainly an honor conferred on a lodge to be selected to exemplify work, but at the same time a privilege has also been extended. The work of all three lodges was exceedingly well done, and, while that of each was critically examined and analysed, the points raised contained useful lessons. The Grand Master's comments and decisions were pertinent and instructive. I have to thank the W. M's of Northern Light and Saugeen Lodges for their attendance, no doubt, at considerable inconvenience. I have found W. Bro. MacPherson ready and willing, at

all times, to do anything for the good of Masonry and the honor of the Craft, and I can say the same of the officers of Saugeen Lodge. The M. W. the Grand Master and the visitors were hospitably entertained at a banquet in one of the hotels after the close of the meeting.

CORNER STONE.

A special meeting of the Grand Lodge was held at the Village of Bervie, in the County of Bruce, to assist me, as Acting Grand Master by the appointment of the M. W. the Grand Master, to lay, at the request of the clergymen and the session, the corner stone of Knox Church in that village, with Masonic ceremonial, on June 24th, 1903, which I think was successfully carried out. I was presented with a flattering address and a beautiful silver trowel as a memento of the occasion. I have to thank the Grand Master for the honor conferred on me in being privileged to have my name thus associated with the erection of a building to be dedicated to God's service. I also desire to express my thanks to W. Bro. M. J. MacPherson, Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine, for his kind assistance in arranging for the proper carrying out of the ceremonies.

VISITS.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine: My visit was made to this lodge at the regular meeting on the 4th February, 1903. Thirty-six members and a few visitors were present. The lodge was opened and closed in the degrees in a creditable manner, and the third degree exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. M. J. MacPherson, and the regular officers. As the W. M. is now occupying the East for a second term, his work was very correctly done, and he was ably assisted by his officers. The lodge room is commodious and well furnished, and has a spacious refreshment room in connection therewith. They own the building, renting the lower portions. There are 11 P. M's members of the lodge, of whom R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, M.D., P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bros. E. Miller, E. Fox and J. C. Cooke, W. Bros. H. Collins and J. MacPherson were present. Among the visitors were W. Bros. J. S. Evans, W.M.; J. M. Bowie, P.M. of Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton. The finances are well attended to by

V. W. Bro. Fox and Bro. R. D. Hall, Treasurer and Secretary respectively, and their books are well kept. The lodge has a handsome surplus and is liberal in its contributions to purposes of relief. This lodge is noted for its uniformly good work, and the W. M. is maintaining its reputation in that respect. Indeed, anything he undertakes is well done. His courtesy and kindness to me during my visit, and at other times, will abide with me as a pleasant recollection. The hospitality of the lodge is proverbial, of which I had ample proof at the banquet provided in the refreshment room, where the speaking of the members and visitors, interspersed with song, was entertaining and profitable. Northern Light Lodge does not neglect the social features of Masonry. Since my visit there I have learned with regret of the serious illness of R. W. Bro. Dr. Martyn, now, I think, the senior P. M. of the lodge, who has been for about twenty years a member of the Board of General Purposes, and one of its most useful and popular members. I think nearly every lodge in the District has received kindly advice and encouragement from him at various times. I hope soon to hear of his complete recovery.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: I visited here at the regular meeting, 17th March, 1903. There were present 28 members and 5 visitors. W. Bro. Jas. Burns, W. M., and his officers, conferred the third degree on a candidate well prepared for advancement. The W. M. did the whole of the work himself very accurately and impressively. His manner is perhaps too deliberate, but it is earnest and effective. The general work of the other officers was also good, but more attention should be given to manner and style. They are all, however, enthusiastic in their attachment to the principles and tenets of Masonry. This lodge also owns the building in which they meet. I understand it to be the intention to fit up the lower story into reception and refreshment rooms, which will be of advantage to them, as their present ante-room is too small for that purpose. The lodge room is comfortably furnished. The Secretary, Bro. D. McIver, and Treasurer, Bro. H. Zinkan, are efficiently discharging their duties. The lodge has 12 P. M.'s in membership, of whom I noticed V. W. Bro. J. Dundas and W. Bros. F. McLellan, A. McAulay, F. H. Lee, W. H. Johns and

P. J. Scott, M. D., to be present. Among the visitors were W. Bros. A. H. Ridout, W.M., and W. J. Cameron, P. M., Port Elgin, No. 429, Port Elgin; W. Bro. J. L. Byers, Ashlar Lodge, Michigan, and W. Bro. J. Macaulay, P. M., Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, the latter of whom was kind enough to accompany me from that town to revisit the scenes of his youth and enjoy the hospitality of the kindly and enthusiastic members of this lodge, which we had an opportunity of doing at the close of the meeting in the ante-room, where an agreeable hour was spent with some profit and much pleasure and enthusiasm.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: My visit here was at the regular meeting, 9th February, 1903. There were 8 members and 2 visitors present. This lodge was formerly noted for the excellence of its work, but there now appears to be a lack of interest displayed by a majority of its members. It appears to have only 7 or 8 residing in the village, and is often unable to hold its meetings for want of a quorum. I found during the evening that the officers, though elected in June, 1902, had not been installed, and considerable indifference as to the same. I clearly pointed out to them that returns made to the G. Secretary and to the D.D.G.M. of a list of officers elected did not make them the officers of the lodge without installation, and that the W. M. and the officers of the preceding year were still the officers of the lodge. I strongly urged them to obtain a dispensation, and have installation by some competent P. M. who could direct them in certain matters. I understood later, and from correspondence, that there were reasons which did not make it advisable to install for the short time before the annual election. The Master-elect, W. Bro. Thos. Brown, P. M., occupied the East, and opened and closed in the first and second degrees, and conferred the 2nd degree in a fairly creditable manner, reading the charge. He is energetic and enthusiastic, and appears to know the work, has a good voice, but rather too rapid a delivery. The S. W.'s work was fair, but not very accurate. The other officers did their work rather indifferently. W. Bro. Brown, who had been Secretary the preceding year, appeared to be still discharging the duties of that office. His minute and other books seemed to be well kept and the dues to be fairly well paid up. The financial standing is satisfac-

tory enough. The lodge room is a neat and comfortable one, but the ante-room, not being heated, the door was tyled from the inside. I addressed the lodge sympathetically, having a fair knowledge of their difficulties, strongly urging them to improve the working by converting every regular meeting night, even if there should not be the perfect number to do the work, into a practice meeting, so as to become thoroughly familiar with the work, also to visit some of the good working lodges around them so as to learn from them improved methods. W. Bros. J. Armstrong, R. Miller, P. M's, and J. Davidson, W. M. (preceding year), were present, and they, along with W. Bro. Brown, are the only installed Masters now members, and they all appear to love Masonry. I held a private meeting with some of them after the meeting, giving them some advice and suggestions as to reviving interest in lodge matters. A very substantial supper was served in the lodge room. Since my visit the officers of the preceding year appear to be again acting, and there seems to be a revival of interest. I again met W. Bros. Davidson and Brown at the Lodge of Instruction in Wingham on 15th May, where they appeared to be attentively observant. I believe R. W. Bro. J. A. Morton, P.D.D.G.M., installed new officers on 24th June of this year, and, with some new members they have lately received, I think there will be a revival in the lodge.

Old Light Lodgs. No. 184, Lucknow: I visited here at the regular meeting on 5th February, 1903. Twenty-eight members and five visitors were present. W. Bro. Jas. Lyons, W. M., with the regular officers, conferred the first degree in a very satisfactory manner, the charge being delivered by W. Bro. D. Paterson, P. M., in a very impressive manner. The W. M. is earnest and painstaking, and all the officers are efficient. The T. B. lecture was exceedingly well done by Bro. H. G. Armstrong, J. W. This lodge also owns its lodge and refreshment rooms, both of which are well equipped. The membership is steadily increasing—a circumstance which I believe will always occur when the W. M. and officers are faithfully and zealously discharging their duties. An earnest devotion by them to the principles and practices of Masonry will quickly attract attention, and a reasonable efficiency in the work will retain and increase the interest

therein. Of the eight P. M's now members, V. W. Bro. H. Days and W. Bros. D. Paterson, I. Morrison, J. Bryan and D. M. Gordon, M.D., were present. The meeting was further honored by the presence of R. W. Bro. Dr. Martyn, P.D.D.G.M., who accompanied me from Kincardine, and who is decidedly popular in this lodge. R. W. Bro. A. McDonagh, P. D. D. G. M., Russel Lodge, Man.; W. Bro. William McDonald, Hartney Lodge, Man., and W. Bro. A. M. Spence, Fordwich, No. 331, were also visitors. V. W. Bro. Days makes an excellent Secretary. I did not see the Treasurer's books. The arrears of dues are moderate and the financial standing good. The banquet after the meeting was very pleasant and sociable, the speaking happy and instructive, while the excellent singing, particularly that of Bro. Armstrong, added much to the pleasure of the evening. The W. M., with his large experience in municipal life, made a capital chairman.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: I visited here at the regular meeting on 10th March, 1903. Twenty-eight members and two visitors were in attendance. The third degree was conferred on a well posted candidate by the W. M., W. Bro. R. C. Cheswright, and the regular officers, with the exception of the S. W., who was unavoidably absent, owing to a serious illness. His place was taken by the Secretary, Bro. R. E. Richardson, in an unexceptionable manner. I was very much pleased with the work of this lodge. That of the W. M. and of V. W. Bro. C. F. Harris, and R. W. Bro. H. Clark, who assisted him, as well as that of the other officers, was almost faultless. The door could have been better tyled, but generally few details were neglected, while attention was also given to the graves of style and delivery. Among the P. M's present were R. W. Bro. H. Clark, P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bro. C. F. Harris, and W. Bros. T. Marshall, G. M. Wedd, C. Petteplace, J. Standish and D. Traill, and among the visitors R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. H. Scott, P. D.D.G.M. (now a resident of Walkerton), and R. W. Bro. F. Goodier, P.D.D.G.M. St. Clair District. I had not time to examine the books, but the reputation of the lodge for well kept books has been established for some years, and arrearages of dues are almost unknown. A very pleasant time was spent with the members and visi-

tors at the excellent supper served at the Queen's Hotel by Mine host Bro. Farquharson. During the year he by-laws have been revised, amended and reprinted, together with a list of all the members and officers since its inauguration.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: My visit to this excellent lodge was made at its regular meeting on 6th February, 1903. There was a fair attendance of members present. W. Bro. A. H. Nichol and the regular officers opened and closed in the several degrees, and conferred the second degree in a satisfactory manner, the charge being read by a P. M. The lodge room is the largest in the District, and very well furnished. The W. M. has his work well up, and has an earnest, forcible and effective delivery. He is a son of the late V. W. Bro. John Nichol, M.D., who in his lifetime occupied the East in this lodge, at different times, for 12 years, and was its W. M. at the time of his death. He indeed was a lover of Masonry, and under him I served as Secretary for two years. I have naturally a very kindly feeling towards the members of my mother lodge, and I derived great pleasure in again visiting it. There are 16 P. M's in its membership, of whom R. W. Bros. D. D. Campbell and William Irwin are P.D.D.G.M's, V. W. Bro. F. Brook and R. W. Bro. Campbell are efficiently discharging the duties of Treasurer and Secretary. Among other P. M's present were V. W. Bro. T. Blackmore and W. Bros. J. J. Foster, F. R. Bluett and A. St. G. Hawkins. The books are in order and the finances satisfactory. A very appetising luncheon was served in the ante-room at the close of the meeting. A refreshment room of a capacity suitable to the large membership, would be of advantage to this lodge.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: I visited here at a meeting kindly called by the W. M., at my request, on 11th March, 1903, instead of the regular, which fell on the 13th. Twelve members and 13 visitors were present. I was surprised to find the lodge meeting in the hall of the I. O. O. F., instead of in one of their own. It seems that permission had been obtained about six years ago to meet there for one year, until a suitable lodge room could be obtained, but very little effort, it seems to me, has ever been made to obtain one. The evil effects were quite ap-

parent. The lodge appears to have lost its self-respect, and to be quite content to occupy a secondary position in the village. Only three meetings had been held since the installation in the June previous, and those for the previous years had not been held with regularity. As the Oddfellows' hall is heated by a furnace in the basement, it could not be warmed on the evening of my visit owing to the flood of high water in the river, and the initiation of an accepted candidate had to be deferred. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by the W. M., W. Bro. A. W. Parrish, in doing which, however, he placed a P. M. in the West and the S. W. in the South, so that I had not an opportunity of seeing all the regular officers in their places. The work was very well done, however. The Rev. Bros. J. A. Bloodsworth and J. O'Neill, two resident clergymen, were among the visitors, and, if I am to judge by the excellent addresses given by them during the evening they will be decided acquisitions to the lodge if they affiliate therewith, as I understood they contemplate doing. I do not think that more kind-hearted, genial and courteous gentlemen can be found in the District than among the officers and members of Aldworth Lodge, and yet the lodge appears to have lost its individuality and to be declining, largely owing to the fact, I believe, that they have not a hall of their own, and do not hold meetings regularly. I distinctly warned them (and, since the meeting, by correspondence) that a hall must be obtained, or the withdrawal of their warrant would have to be considered. A committee has since then been appointed to arrange for a hall, but the result has not been reported to me. The lodge has a considerable surplus, so that it is not a want of money, but rather indifference, and, perhaps, a feeling among some of them that they are saving a few dollars in rent and putting a few dollars into the treasury of the Oddfellows. The latter society has every reason to be proud of its hall. I recommend my successor in office to insist firmly on the lodge obtaining separate quarters. Among the P. M's present were W. Bros. P. McLaren, M.D., W. R. Barnett, F. E. Sheppard and S. M. Hutchison. W. Bro. Barnett, the Treasurer, appears to be discharging the duties of Secretary also. One would suppose that the Secretary of a lodge, holding so few meetings, could find time to discharge his duties.

After the meeting an excellent supper was partaken of at one of the hotels. The social features of Masonry are not neglected. The chairman, W. Bro. Dr. McLaren, and the brethren are kindly and pleasing entertainers. There were a number of visitors from Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove, present.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: I made my visit here on 12th February, 1903, at an emergent meeting, called by the W. M., at my request. Eight members and one visitor were present besides myself. W. Bro. Geo. S. Fowler, W. M., opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well, and exemplified, in part, the first degree, W. Bro. D. Stewart, M.D., P. M., continuing the same. As the lodge had not a candidate since his installation, the W. M. did not appear to think it his duty to prepare even the first degree for my visit. The principal advantage to a lodge of an official visit, to my mind, is the inducement to the officers to prepare their work therefor. However, I have some confidence that he will make a record before the close of his year, for he appears to be earnest and capable enough, and his W's, Bros. G. H. Baker and J. Gallagher, and Bro. A. M. Carr, his J. D., are promising officers. The lodge is small in numbers, with only a few resident members, and there has been a lack of candidates, all of which has induced carelessness. I pointed out to them that preparation and devotion to the lodge on the part of the officers were even more necessary in a small than in a larger lodge, so as to revive interest in the members and attract the attention of desirable candidates; that meetings should be regularly held; members induced to attend by the officers; and if there be no candidates on hand, hold rehearsal meetings. I trust the present W. M. and his officers will not be found wanting in these respects. The prosperous village of Teeswater should be a good field for Masonry. The finances are in good shape under the care of W. Bros. Dr. Stewart and J. Farquharson, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. It was a great pleasure for me to meet W. Bro. Dr. Stewart, whose guest I was during my stay, and with whom I had been intimately acquainted during our college days. The lodge has 5 P. M's now, of whom W. Bros. Stewart, Farquharson and F. P. Moore were present. The visitor was W. Bro. P. Powell, P. M., Wingham, No. 286, Wing-

ham. At the close of the meeting an adjournment was made to one of the hotels, where an excellent supper was laid and a pleasant hour spent.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels: I visited here at the regular meeting on 10th February, 1903. Eleven members and three visitors were in attendance. The opening and closing in the degrees was very well done, and a slight improvement suggested by me was subsequently carried out. The W. M., W. Bro. James Fox, conferred the first degree in a forcible and intelligent manner, in which he was assisted by W. Bro. H. James, who presented the W. T's, and W. Bro. P. J. Bishop, P. M., who delivered the charge, earnestly and impressively. The other officers were in their chairs. The lodge room is neat, well furnished, but rather too narrow. There are 8 P. M's members, of whom besides those named, W. Bros. A. C. Dames, S. Wilton and John Wright were present. W. Bro. Wright was performing the Secretary's duties satisfactorily. About \$149.00 of dues are owing—a sum too large for the membership. The books had not been audited for the two years preceding the last one. I consider the W. M. responsible when an audit is not made, because he should see that the Auditors perform their duties, and when they do not do so promptly, that others are appointed by the lodge in their stead. I understood that the lodge lost a considerable sum some years ago through the default of a Secretary and the want of an audit. Experience should make us wise, but it does not always do so. The lodge, however, is a prosperous one. After the close I was very hospitably entertained.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: I made my first visit of inspection of the lodges here, on Tuesday, 3rd February, 1903. There was a very good attendance of members. Besides the opening and closing in the several degrees the second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Rev. William Lowe, W. M., in a very creditable manner, the regular officers assisting. The W. M. has in his delivery the advantages derived from his experience and training as a clergyman, in being able to speak with earnestness and force. I had pleasure in renewing with him an acquaintance formed some years previously. The few suggestions I made were, I think, understood and appreciated. The charge was well read by R. W. Bro. J. A.

Morton, P.D.D.G.M., who has been for some years the Secretary. His books give evidence of careful attention to the duties and responsibilities of the office. Besides him I noticed among the P. M's present V. W. Bro. T. Bell and W. Bro. P. Powell. There are 14 P. M's in membership. The lodge room is one of the handsomest and best furnished in the District, and the prospects of the lodge in this flourishing town are, I think, very bright, and good work may be expected to continue. There is a commodious refreshment room, but there did not appear to be much evidence of the social features of Masonry being cultivated, other than in partaking of the excellent refreshments provided. This neglect was more noticeable at the excellent dinner generously provided by the lodge on the occasion of the Lodge of Instruction, held under their auspices by me on May 15th, at which the M. W. the Grand Master was present, when the brethren were allowed to separate without any effort being made to have the chief guest and visitors even express their thanks, or to say anything for the good of Masonry. Even if the electric lights had to be shut off one would think it were not impossible to find a few lamps or candles in the town. I have frequently recommended lodges to visit other lodges, and I do think something can be learned in this particular also.

Fordwitch Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: My visit here was at an emergent meeting, called by the W. M. on Friday, 13th February, 1903. There was a good attendance of members. The opening and closing in the degrees was very well done. W. Bro. Thos. Littlejohn, W. M., conferred the third degree on a candidate only fairly well prepared, the latter part of the work being given by W. Bro. A. C. Hutchison, P. M., with the exception of the charge, which was omitted entirely. Both Masters were effective and impressive, with a tendency, however, in delivery, to be too rapid. The W's, D's and I. G. were well up in their parts. Of the P. M's of the lodge there were present W. Bros. S. Brown, A. C. Hutchison and John Wallace. W. Bro. R. Dowling, P. M., Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston, was a visitor, and followed me with an excellent address at the close. This lodge is an instance of the success which will attend, even in a small village, where the occupants of the East faithfully and con-

scientiously perfect their work and encourage the other officers to do the same. W. Bro. Littlejohn is a young man of ability and capable of inspiring enthusiasm. W. Bro. Hutchison is the Secretary, and the finances appear to be fairly satisfactory. His minute book has, perhaps, the entries too much crowded together. I recommend all lodges to follow more closely the forms given in Appendix "B" to the Constitution. A very appetising luncheon was provided and enjoyed by me with the brethren at the close of the meeting.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on Wednesday, February 11th, 1903, when the W. M. and his regular officers conferred the second degree on a candidate in capital style. W. Bro. J. S. Evans is a careful, painstaking and experienced Master, ruling his lodge with firmness and decision, and in his work he is forcible and impressive. He had good assistance from his regular officers. I consider the good work of this lodge to be owing to the W. M. and his predecessors carefully attending to their duties and their making the lodge attractive and educative. The constituency of the lodge is not large, and many losses are sustained from removal of members to the west, yet it is continually progressive, attracting candidates from its good reputation. I had no opportunity to look into the books or its finances, but I understand them to be satisfactory. It has 5 p. M's now members, two of whom, W. Bros, J. A. McKellar and J. M. Bowie, were present. The lodge has adopted the practice of exchanging visits with Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine, each lodge, by request, conferring a degree in the other. On this occasion W. Bro. M. J. MacPherson, W. M. of that lodge, and his officers, conferred the third degree upon a candidate of Bruce Lodge, and I am pleased to say that their work was even more satisfactory with a candidate than at the exemplification of the same degree in their own lodge. On 4th February, my commendation of which will be found in my report on that lodge. W. Bro. MacPherson, besides the full complement of officers, was accompanied by V. W. Bros. J. A. MacPherson and E. Miller and W. Bro. H. Collins and others, making the number of visitors 14 in all. These enthusiastic brethren kindly took me out with them, the drive being 9 miles. Subsequently, at the

Commercial hotel, where a very inviting banquet had been prepared by Bro. J. G. Walker, S. W., a very pleasant and sociable time was spent with speech and song. There I had the honor, on behalf of the lodge, to present to W. Bro. W. J. Chambers, M. D. (to whom an address was also read), a P. M's jewel, in recognition of his faithful and devoted services as Master of the lodge for several years, and as a welcome to him on his return to Tiverton, to become again a resident. I think some of the smaller lodges of the District should take pattern from this lodge, where the Master endeavors to "act as a true and faithful Craftsman," and receives his reward, in part at least, in the esteem of his brethren and a recognition of his services.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: I visited here at the regular meeting on 9th March, 1903. There was a good turnout of the members. The opening and closing in the degrees were fairly well done, and the first degree conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. William Collins, W. M., with the regular officers, in a creditable manner. The T. B. lecture by the J. W., Bro. E. A. Gerolamy, was given in good style, and V. W. Bro. Archibald McDonald, P. M., delivered the charge with excellent effect, his venerable appearance and earnest and impressive manner giving dignity to the subject. The conduct of the business part, and the work too, would be improved by a little more force and less deliberation. The lodge has a home-made T. B., very good in its way, and valuable as a relic, which should be replaced by one authorized by Grand Lodge. W. Bro. Jas. A. McDonald, P. M., and Bro. A. Telford respectively discharge the duties of Secretary and Treasurer with satisfaction. Among the P. M's present were R. W. Bros. R. C. Bruce and Thos. Wilson, M.D., P.D. D.G.M's, W. Bros. C. E. Start, L. G. Briggs and Rev. D. Currie, besides those above named. I had the honor of being accompanied from Warton by W. Bro. R. W. Sawyer, W.M.; R. W. Bro. J. Walmsley, P.D.D.G.M.; W. Bro. S. J. Cameron, P.M., and Bro. Rev. Stuart Acheson, from Cedar Lodge. After the close of the meeting a sumptuous repast was partaken of by members and visitors at the Windsor hotel, distinguished by good speaking and kindly feeling, interspersed with song.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: I visited this lodge

at the regular meeting on 3rd March, 1903. Fourteen members and eight visitors were present. The opening and closing in the degrees was very well done by W. Bro. Chas. Smellie, W. M., with his regular officers, except the S. D. and I. G., and they conferred the second degree on an excellent, well-prepared candidate in a creditable manner. The charge was impressibly read by a P.M. All the officers are fairly correct in the wording of their work, but enough attention has not been given to some details which would have added a grace and beauty to work otherwise well done. The lodge is a good working one and well equipped. I was not favorably impressed with the fact that it was not opened until 8.45 o'clock, nor with a suggestion made that the T. B. lecture and charge should be omitted. There would be no occasion to omit essential parts in the instruction of the degree if the lodge was opened on time. W. Bros. Jos. Adams and W. T. Ross are efficient as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. They and W. Bros. C. J. Mickle, W. Halliday and M. R. Pearce, P. M's, were present. The lodge has seven P. M's in membership. Among the visitors were W. Bro. W. Collins, W. M., and R. W. Bro. R. C. Bruce, P.D.D. G.M., Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara. After the close of meeting I was entertained, along with the visitors, at an excellent supper in one of the hotels.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiaraton: As this is my own lodge, at whose meetings I am usually present when at home, I made my official visit at the emergent meeting on the 26th December, 1902, when, at the request of the retiring Master, I had the honor of installing, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Jas. Walmsley, P.D.D.G.M., the officers for the ensuing year. I had occasion in my reference in the foregoing part of this report, to the joint Lodge of Instruction, held at Stratford on the 10th December, 1902, to commend the work done there by W. Bro. S. J. Cameron, P. M., and the officers of this lodge in conferring the first degree. I may add that Cedar Lodge never shirks a request to confer or exemplify a degree in another lodge, being willing to learn and to exemplify the work in the manner which appears to them the correct one. The preparation for such work is itself the best reward, but there is also much to learn. W. Bro. R. W. Sawyer, W. M., was one of the officers present at Strat-

ford. He had seen there one of the best equipped lodges in the province, the work in all the degrees almost faultless in style, apt criticism and valuable suggestions made, and the most competent authority to give decisions. He and the other officers and brethren present there did not fail to take advantage of their opportunities. W. Bro. Sawyer could work all the degrees before assuming the chair. His first work was the third degree, and he has had steady work since then. It is therefore of a high order of excellence. There is no weak spot in the staff of officers; all are efficient. The musical service is very much appreciated. Bro. A. B. Castell is an experienced organist. Cedar Lodge is now the strongest lodge in numbers in the District, and there is none better in efficiency. Bro. J. E. Sutherland is a painstaking and efficient Secretary. Fifteen candidates were initiated during the last year. The lodge has 14 P. M.'s, to all of whom valuable P. M.'s jewels have been presented. On June 9th, 1903, the lodge presented to V. W. Bro. John Irwin, P.G. S., and to R. W. Bro. James Walmsley, P.D.D.G.M., the only two of the charter members now in the lodge, and its first and third Masters respectively, Grand Lodge aprons, as an expression of appreciation of their valuable services to the lodge for over 22 years, and of respect to them. The honor, respect and appreciation given by this lodge to its Masters, from year to year are, I believe, fit subjects of commendation, and tend to bring some of the best members to the front.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin: I made my visit here at the regular meeting on March 12th, 1903. There was a good turnout of the members and a few visitors. The lodge was opened and closed in all the degrees, and the first degree was conferred on two candidates by W. Bro. A. H. Ridout, with the regular officers in their chairs. The work of the W. M. was very good. His manner is earnest, and he thoroughly feels the meaning and the intention of the work he is engaged in. The charge was in part delivered by the W. M. Both the S. W. and J. W. are capable officers, and T. B. lecture was very creditable. More attention to neatness of work would not be amiss. The lodge has in W. Bro. J. T. Lillie a very efficient Secretary, and a good officer in the Treasurer, Bro. J. A. Chapman. The finances are satis-

factory, and the progress of the lodge is very marked. The W. M. is a grandson of R. W. Bro. Thomas Gibbs Ridout, Provincial Deputy Grand Master, and afterwards an honorary P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who bore such an honorable and distinguished part in the early history of Masonry in this Province. Indeed, this illustrious family has been to some extent a Masonic one. W. Bro. Ridout is enthusiastic in his attachment to the principles and teachings of Masonry, and worthily exemplifying them in his life. I have had the honor of his acquaintance for many years and know whereof I speak. Among the P. M's present were W. Bros. Dr. Paterson, Wm. George, J. T. Lillie and W. J. Cameron, and among the visitors W. Bros. Capt. A. McAulay and others from St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton. At the close of the meeting a very sociable half hour was spent with the brethren at luncheon.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove: I visited here at the regular meeting on March 13th, 1903. There was a good turnout of members and visitors. W. Bro. William Trimble, W. M., with his officers, opened and closed in all the degrees and conferred the first degree on a very intelligent candidate in a creditable manner. Although W. Bro. Trimble did not enter Masonry until well advanced in life he quickly became devotedly attached to its principles. He has made an excellent Master, and I have pleasure in reporting this lodge to be doing good work. Their lodge room is not remarkable for its beauty or conveniences, but the true spirit of its members is very noticeable. I understand there was considerable hesitation about opening a lodge at Eden Grove. A visit to it today would open the eyes of the objectors. No doubt R. W. Bro. T. Pinkerton, P.D.D.G.M., and the first members had difficulty to contend with, but they were not unsurmountable. I do not think I need particularise as to the work of the officers, as all of them did very well. I wish other lodges in the District had the same ambition and desire to present good work. Of the six P. M's I noticed R. W. Bro. Pinkerton and W. Bros. J. Dougan, G. Sirrs and L. Chittick to be present. W. Bro. A. W. Parrish, W. M., Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley, and a number of his lodge were visitors. After the meeting a splendid banquet was provided at the Connor House. A

happier chairman could not be found than W. Bro. Chit-tick; very seldom a more eloquent speech heard than that of Bro. E. H. Young, on "Education," while Bro. Mc-Lean's story telling was simply inimitable. I spent indeed a very enjoyable evening with the brethren of Moravian.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover: My visit was made to this lodge at its regular meeting April 10th, 1903. Thirty-five members and visitors were in attendance. The opening and closing in the degrees was very creditably done. The first degree was conferred on a candidate, the son of V. W. Bro. Mitchell, by W. Bro. John Mills, W.M., with the regular officers, very correctly, both in the wording and as to style and delivery, the charge being delivered by R. W. Bro. Hon. Senator Landerkin, very impressively. The J. W., Bro. Urstad, was effective in the T. B. lecture. The lodge room is one of the best furnished in the District, its walls being tastefully draped in dark blue. The lodge should be a place where culture and refinement is taught to the members. The very purposes of Masonry are educative. The lodge room should therefore be made as attractive and beautiful as the circumstances of the lodge will permit. The officers and members will, imperceptively, be influenced by their surroundings. Better work may be expected, the moral and intellectual tone will be improved. I have no doubt but that the steady progress of this lodge for some years past has been owing to the fact that the Masters and officers earnestly strive to discharge their duties, not perfunctorily, but with efficiency, amid pleasing and attractive surroundings. The lodge has seven P. M's in membership, of whom R. W. Bro. Hon. Dr. Landerkin, P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bros. C. H. Witthun and John Mitchell, and W. Bros. P. Zinn, J. S. Knechtel and J. W. Stone were present, and among the visitors were W. Bros. T. C. Trip, Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro, and Wm. Hopkins, Nepinka Lodge, No. 71, Man., and my District Secretary, Bro. S. E. Foster. The lodge has a very good refreshment room, where, after the close, a pleasant time was spent in social enjoyment.

Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth: My visit to the youngest lodge in the District was the last one of the series, and took place at the regular on 14th April, 1903.

There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Besides the opening and closing, which was very well done in all the degrees, the W. M., W. Bro. John Sutherby, with the regular officers, conferred the first degree on a candidate. The Master's work was carefully and effectively done, as I would expect from one occupying the chair for a second term. He knows his work well, and has control of his lodge. That of the W's and D's could be improved, and will, no doubt, for they have only been a short time in the chairs, and I believe this was the first initiation. The T. B. lecture, for a first night, was well done. The charge was delivered by the Secretary, Bro. David Allan, in capital style. I did not find time to examine the books, but Bro. Allan has the reputation of being one of the best of Secretaries, and W. Bro. J. E. Campbell, being the Treasurer, is an assurance that all will be well. I notice that the younger lodges have the best halls generally, everything being æsthetic and attractive. Burns lodge is a notable example. It is a pleasure in itself to sit in a lodge tastefully and beautifully furnished. I think, further, some of the older lodges should modernize in that respect. The lodge has now four P. M's among its members, of whom W. Bros. J. E. Campbell, F. Campbell, M. D., and Thos. Reid were present. A number of the brethren from Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, were kind enough to drive out with me to Hepworth, among whom were W. Bro. R. W. Sawyer, W.M.; R. W. Bro. J. Walmsley, P.D.D.G.M.; W. Bros. N. M. Moore, S. J. Cameron and A. W. Baines, and Bros. Rev. S. Acheson, S. W. Cross, J. E. Sutherby, S. A. Perry and D. Huether, and among the other visitors was R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, P.D.D.G.M., Toronto District. After the closing of lodge members and visitors sat down to an excellent supper at one of the hotels. Speech and song followed, R. W. Bro. Nixon particularly distinguishing himself by his eloquence and the instructive nature of his address. My visitation of the lodges was thus brought to a fitting conclusion, for after labor should come refreshment.

I have to apologise for the length of my report, but the fact is I have experienced so much brotherly love and kind attention during the term of my office that I have been tempted to mention the names of some few at least of

those who have given proof of the possession of these good qualities.

In conclusion I desire to say that I have endeavored to discharge the duties of my high office conscientiously and to the best of my ability. There have been but few matters referred to me for a decision, certainly none of any particular consequence. I believe that peace and harmony prevail everywhere throughout the District, and may they continue to do so until time shall be no more.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. J. FERGUSON, D.D.G.M.,
North Huron District, No. 5.

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Wilson District, No. 6, during the year ending June 24th, 1903.

I wish to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of the District for the honor conferred on me in electing me to the honorable position of D.D.G.M., and to express to the brethren throughout the District my greatfulness for the kind treatment accorded to me while paying my official visits.

Immediately on my election I appointed W. Bro. Pearce District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. Elliott, Chaplain, both of Wilson Lodge, No. 113.

During my term of office it has been my constant effort to merit the confidence placed in me. If I have fallen short in the performance of my duty it was not through lack of zeal in the cause.

VISITS.

I have visited every lodge once, and a few the second time, and if large gatherings and enthusiastic receptions are an evidence, I have reason to believe that my efforts have been not only appreciated but productive of some good.

PAYMENT OF DUES.

I regret to have to report at the close of the year the arrearages of dues too large in some of the lodges. On my official visits I requested the different lodges to lessen the amount of back dues. Some have done so. I am glad to report Wilson Lodge, No. 13, without a brother three months in arrears, also Frederick Lodge, No. 217.

DISPENSATIONS.

I issued the following dispensations during the year: To King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock; King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll, and St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll, to attend divine service clothed as Masons.

BY-LAWS.

A change in the by-laws of Frederick Lodge, No. 217, for submission to the M. W. the Grand Master, was the only one received by me.

DEATHS.

The Secretaries in some instances have failed to notify me of the loss sustained by each lodge in removal of its members by death. I am, however, advised of the following: Burford Lodge, No. 106, Bro. Lloyd Jones; King Hiram, No. 78, Tilsonburg. Bro. Arnold; Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Bro. A. McBride, honorary member; Erie Lodge, No. 149, Bro. Bell, S. W.; Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, Bro. Chas. G. Clarke, died February 11th, 1903, aged 57 years; Bro. Robt. G. Balmer, affiliated member from St. John's No. 209a, London, died May 30th, 1903. King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock, Bro. Geo. Smith, January 16, 1903; Bro. George White, April 1st, 1903; W. Bro. Robert Brown, April 4, 1903; Bro. P. H. McLeod, May 12, 1903.

Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan: My first visit was paid to Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan. The attendance was small, due partially to the fact that it was Thanksgiving night. In the absence of the Master, Bro. Dr. Meeke, P. M., occupied the East, and conferred the sublime degree upon a young and enthusiastic brother in an excellent manner. He was ably assisted by P. M. Bro. Riddle. I am sorry to report that the Master was not able to confer the degree. Am pleased to say that the books of the Secretary, Bro. James Ryan, are neatly and correctly kept. The lodge is in a fairly prosperous state. After the lodge closed the brethren retired to the Pearsall, where a most enjoyable time was spent.

Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, Vittoria: Visited the lodge

on October 14th, 1902, and received a royal welcome from the brethren. There being no work, the lodge was opened in the three degrees by W. Bro. Culver and his able staff of officers to my entire satisfaction. Three candidates were then examined in work of the third degree, each repeating their O. in excellent style. I congratulate Vittoria on the excellent material received into the lodge. This lodge has a number of P. M's who attend regularly and assist in the work, viz., W. Bros. Wood, Stalker, Walmsley and others. W. Bro. Pow is the efficient Secretary, and keeps dues well up. After lodge was closed a very social time was spent, under the direction of Bro. Duncan, J. W. Visited this lodge the second time, at the request of the brethren, and installed the officers. W. Bro. Culver, the retiring Master, conferred the second degree on a very bright candidate in his usual able manner. W. Bro. Gunton, of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, and Bros. Church and Tomlinson were present on this occasion.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich: My third official visit was made to this lodge November 19th, 1902, accompanied by W. Bro. Smith, of Scotland Lodge, No. 193. I was introduced to the brethren by R. W. Bro. Dr. McCurdy, and was well received by W. Bro. Vanvalkinberg and brethren. Visitors were present from Delhi, Scotland, Hagersville and London. The brethren have just moved into new quarters, and although no meetings were held for three months on account of moving, still the third degree was conferred on an exceedingly bright candidate by the W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Dr. Ellis, P. M., in an able manner. The work of the Wardens was good, The floor work of Deacons excellent, otherwise nothing to do, as the candidate was thoroughly posted. The Secretary's books are a model of neatness. Bro. Polden is looking well after the dues, only three members being over one year in arrears. A number of Past Masters graced the East, among them being W. Bros. Tipper, Ellis and Hogarth. At the close of the evening's work an adjournment was made to the banqueting room, where a happy hour was spent around the festive board.

Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland: On Monday, December 8th, 1902, I installed the officers of this lodge and paid my official visit. Attendance very good. Visitors

present from Waterford and Norwich. Scotland lodge has three very enthusiastic officers in the persons of Bros. Dawson, W. M.; Wood, S. W., and Mitchell, J. W. After installation the first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Smith, I.P.M., in a very impressive manner. Good work is done in this lodge, as I have visited them on several occasions, but I regret to say that that harmony does not prevail here for the last two years. I offered my services as mediator between the parties, but either party, not wishing to yield to the other, nothing was done. Brethren, this is not Masonry, and I hope before long that a better spirit will prevail in the lodge. Finances in good shape, and Secretary looks well after dues. At the close the usual banquet was held at Bro. Young's, where a pleasant time was spent.

Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, Plattsville: At the request of the brethren of this lodge I officially visited them on December 12th, 1902, and installed the officers for the ensuing year. The night being very cold, there was not a large attendance, although W. Bro. McMahon and Bro. West, of King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, drove about 20 miles to be present. I was accompanied there by Bro. Cunningham, of Wilson Lodge, having driven 36 miles, and was right royally entertained by the brethren at the close of the installation ceremony. This lodge, though small in number, is progressing slowly. The lodge room is too small. The W. M. and Wardens are enthusiastic Masons, and no doubt will keep up the good name that the lodge has enjoyed in the past. Was pleased to see my old and esteemed friend, R. W. Bro. Allshire, present, who reached the allotted four score years on Monday, December 15th, 1902. The books are neatly and correctly kept by W. Bro. Henderson, the efficient Secretary.

Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock: At the request of the brethren I visited this lodge officially on December 26th, 1902, and installed the officers of the lodge. Although it was in the holiday season, a large turnout of the members greeted me, together with a number of members of King Solomon, No. 43. R. W. Bros. Karn and Martin, and V. W. Bro. McGachies, Grand Lodge officers, take especial delight in being present and making the visit of the D. D. G. M. a pleasant one. This lodge has had

one of the best W. M's in the District for the past year, and who can be depended upon for assistance in future, W. Bro. Dutton. After the officers were installed W. Bro. Thornton and his officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. On this occasion R. W. Bro. Fred. C. Martin, Past Grand Registrar, wore the Masonic apron with which his grandfather, the late Calvin Martin, was clothed when he was made a Mason in 1810, at Culver's House, Long Point. R. W. Bro. Martin has had it made into a very handsome Grand Lodge apron, letting the old apron form the centre part. W. Bro. McMahon ably assisted me in the installation ceremony. I am pleased to be able to say that peace and harmony prevails among the brethren of the two lodges. Oxford lodge has a very efficient Secretary in Bro. Anderson, and he is looking well after the dues. At close of the lodge a sumptuous spread was partaken of, after which excellent addresses were made by several brethren.

St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll: Paid my official visit to this lodge on December 27th, 1902, and installed the officers, as well as King Hiram Lodge, No. 37. I was pleased to meet for the first time R. W. Bro. Walsh, who, I am informed, makes it a point to be present on the official visits of the D. D. G. M's of the District. After installation the officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a fair manner. W. Bro. Cornfoot is an enthusiastic Mason, and I think, if properly assisted, St. John's Lodge will give a good account of itself this Masonic year. A pleasant feature of the evening was a presentation of a ring to W. Bro. Munroe, the retiring Master of this lodge, and a purse of money to Bro. Gregg, organist of King Hiram Lodge, No. 37. Bro. Gregg has been organist for 18 years, and although now over 80 years old, seldom misses a meeting. Both thanked the brethren in a neat speech for the tokens received. At the close of the lodge an adjournment was made to a restaurant near by, where a sumptuous spread was served.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll: I visited this lodge on January 2nd, 1903. The attendance was small, considering that there are two lodges in the town. After routine business was disposed of the W. M., W. Bro. Kneff, and his officers conferred the first degree in a very fair manner. Bro. R. T. Agar will make an excellent

Secretary of the lodge, as he is an enthusiastic Mason. This lodge is in a prosperous condition, and I see no reason why the lodge should not forge ahead, as they have plenty of good material always on hand. One thing they do lack is the brethren do not turn out in force to encourage the officers in their work. After adjournment a very sociable time was spent. Since writing the above I have received a letter from the Secretary informing me of a better attendance and better work done. Thanks to your visit.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford: Paid my official visit to this lodge on January 7th, 1903, and although a bye-election took place that day, I was greeted by a large attendance of members and visitors from St. Thomas and other places were present. I installed the officers of the lodge at this meeting. Being a member of this lodge, I am a frequent visitor, and know of the good work being done from time to time. The W. M., W. Bro. Pearce, ably assisted by the other officers, conferred the first degree on a candidate in waiting in first-class style. Bro. J. H. Mills is Secretary of the lodge, and no better can be found; prompt in his correspondence, in his reports to D. D.G.M's and Grand Secretary, and indeed to everything pertaining to the Craft. At the close the usual good time was spent.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe: Paid my official visit to this lodge on January 13th, 1903, and installed the officers. A very large attendance of the brethren, besides visitors from Vittoria and Port Dover. I was pleased to see a large number of Past Masters present, R. W. Bro. Atkinson, W. Bros. Reid, Bottomly, Gunton, Counter and others. W. Bro. McIntosh, the newly installed W. M., will make an excellent presiding officer for the year. He will be ably assisted by Bros. Innes, S.W., and Everett, J. W. This lodge is strong financially, although 10 of the members are 12 months in arrears. The prospects of this lodge are very bright. At the close a grand banquet was held at the Melbourne, after which a number of excellent addresses were delivered after the usual toasts.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Upon receipt of a letter from our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Judge Harding, regarding Lodge of Instruction, I

brought the matter before Wilson Lodge, No. 113, and the members were unanimously in favor of having same held in Waterford. Accordingly I called a Lodge of Instruction to be held at Waterford on February 11th, 1903, under the warrant of Wilson Lodge, No. 113. Fully 200 brethren were present, almost every lodge in Wilson District being represented. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Judge Harding, of Lindsay, honored the gathering with his presence. The following brethren, who are now or have been Grand Lodge officers, were present: R. W. Bro. Crysler, of Delhi; R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, of Barrie; R. W. Bro. Smiley, of Paris; V. W. Bro. Clutton, of Vienna; R. W. Bro. Mills, of Burford.

As Lodge of Instruction was held on day of regular meeting the routine business was transacted by the officers of Wilson Lodge, after which they vacated the chairs and the officers of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg, assumed the same and exemplified the work of the first degree in an almost faultless manner. After a few remarks from W. Bros. Ross, of Boston; Clutton, of Vienna, and Ellis, of Norwich, laudatory of the efforts of the Tilsonburg brethren, the work of the second degree was exemplified by the officers of Burford Lodge, No. 106, in a creditable manner. After short addresses in praise of the newly-installed brethren of Burford Lodge by R. W. Bros. Ross, Smiley and Crysler, the lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 8.30 p.m. When the lodge resumed the newly installed officers of Wilson Lodge, Waterford took the chairs, and the M. W. the Grand Master, and all R. W. visiting brethren were then received according to the ancient customs of the Order.

The work of the third degree was next exemplified by the officers of Wilson lodge, W. M., W. Bro. P. George Pearce, being assisted by W. Bros. Bale and Horning, and the Chaplain, Bro. F. C. Elliott. Appreciative remarks were made in praise of the manner in which the officers of Wilson Lodge exemplified the work by M. W. Bro. Judge Harding, R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan and R. W. Bro. Crysler. The Grand Master was pleased with the knowledge the candidates had of their previous degrees and congratulated them. R. W. Bro. Morgan in his brilliant speech dwelt especially on the excerpt from Ecclesiastes, and strongly exhorted the young men to live lives of usefulness and charity.

A pleasing part of the evening session was the presentation of jewels to nine of Wilson Lodge's most worthy Past Masters. This presentation was made in a happy manner by the Grand Master, and each of the brethren made very appropriate replies, thanking Wilson lodge for so kind a recognition of their services. At the close of the lodge the visiting brethren were invited to be guests of the local brethren at a banquet in the new Town Hall. After the banquet a lengthy toast list was very eloquently responded to. The music for the occasion was furnished by an orchestra from Brantford, and was very fine.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi: I visited this lodge on April 6th, 1902, accompanied by Bros. Mills and McGuire, of Wilson Lodge. Received a cordial reception from W. Bro. Whitside and brethren of the lodge. The Fellowcraft degree was exemplified by the Master and his officers in a creditable manner. This lodge is in a prosperous condition, the dues are well paid up, and it is in a good financial position. They have suffered a great loss (by removal) of two excellent brethren. R. W. Bro. Crysler has moved to the Northwest, while Rev. Bro. Kilty is now located in Granton. Bro. H. R. Stratton will make a good Secretary, and has his books in good shape. We were entertained in the lodge to a sumptuous repast, after which many happy responses were given to the usual Masonic toasts. I shall remember with pleasure my visit to Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi.

Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford: My visit to this lodge was made on April 8th, 1903. W. Bro. Gant in the East. A large turnout of members and visitors from Wilson Lodge, No. 113, and Paris, were present. The third degree was conferred on a well prepared candidate in good style. This lodge exemplified the second degree at the Lodge of Instruction held in Waterford on February 11th, to the satisfaction of the large gathering present. R. W. Bro. Miles, who is a member of this lodge, is a very enthusiastic Mason and seldom misses a meeting. This lodge owns a beautiful lodge room, having cost about \$3,000. This lodge can boast of five brothers of one family as members. One of the family, living in Quebec, was made a life member rather than grant him a demit. I am sorry to report a large arrearage of dues in this lodge, and have urged the brethren to reduce it.

This lodge has sustained the loss of a worthy brother, Bro. Lloyd Jones was their Treasurer for a number of years and highly esteemed. I was well received and trust Burford Lodge will advance and prosper. We had an unusually pleasant time at the banqueting table after the close of the meeting. Several good speeches were made.

Vienna Lodge, No. 237, Vienna: I officially visited this lodge on April 10th, 1903, and was met at the station by V. W. Bro. Clutton and W. Bro. Wilson, who made my visit a pleasant one. This lodge, though small in numbers, is in a very prosperous condition. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Wilson and his staff of officers very correctly. Examination of candidates thorough. The books of the Secretary, V. W. Bro. Clutton, are a model of neatness. At the close of the lodge a very pleasant repast was prepared, and several extremely good speeches were made by members of the lodge and visitors from King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg; Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Port Burwell, and Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge. I shall ever remember my visit to Vienna Lodge.

Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Port Burwell: To this lodge I paid my official visit on April 11th, 1903. The brethren kindly called an emergent meeting. Being Saturday evening, and very rainy, only a small number were in attendance. I was received very cordially by W. Bro. Kemp and members of Oriental Lodge. The lodge room is a model of neatness and very attractive. Not having any work to do for a few years, I was agreeably surprised on the exemplification of the work in the second degree, on an exceedingly bright candidate, so correctly. During the last six months five or six have knocked at the door and were admitted. A friendly discussion took place before closing on several points of the work, and my decision cordially received. The dues are well paid up. My stay over Sunday was made very pleasant by Bros. J. A. Ker and Erret, who took me around to see the beauty spots of Port Burwell.

Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip: Made my official visit to this lodge on April 13th, 1903. The greatest wind and rain storm of the season set in about 6 o'clock p. m., the result being only seven were present. The W.

M., S. W. and Deacons were absent. However, W. Bro. Hopkins, conferred the sublime degree of a Master Mason on a well posted candidate. The work of W. Bro. Hopkins was fairly done. The J. W., Bro. Dr. Hossac, performed his work well, while W. Bro. Towns had to take several parts in his own inimitable style. This lodge is doing better this year, thanks to the visit of R. W. Bro. W. A. Karn last year. The brethren have gone to some expense in fitting up their hall. A friendly discussion took place at the close of the work, and I recommended them to invite Woodstock lodges to exemplify the work at some of their meetings. Dues fairly well up. A pleasant time was spent after lodge closed. I was well entertained.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock: On April 14th, 1903, the brethren of this lodge called a special meeting in order that I could pay my official visit thereto. I was received with Grand Honors by a large attendance of members and brethren of Oxford Lodge, No. 76. R. W. Bros. Karn and Martin, and W. Bro. E. C. Thornton and other members of Oxford lodge were present. The W. M., W. Bro. McMahon, and his staff conferred the first and third degrees in an admirable manner. W. Bro. Dutton, of Oxford Lodge, acted as Junior Warden, in the place of the regular Warden, who has moved away. V. W. Bro. McGuchie, their excellent Secretary, was absent owing to the death of his mother. This lodge is in good financial standing, and the dues are now in a better shape than they have been for some years. Bro. Anderson, Oxford's efficient Secretary, acted as clerk for the evening. A good brotherly spirit exists between these two lodges. The officers of the one often assist the officers of the other. May it long continue. At the close an excellent supper was provided, after which speeches were made by several of the brethren.

Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro: April 15th, 1903, was the occasion of my official visit to Thistle Lodge, No. 250. This lodge, for the want of a quorum, has only held about two meetings in six months. There being no work, I requested the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Green, to open the lodge in the three degrees and close down. This was done by request twice, as a practice, in order to correct errors of

work. The brethren seem anxious to have the work right, but through lack of "stick-to-itiveness," they fall in error again. I am looking forward to the time when Thistle Lodge will be in a more prosperous condition. W. Bro. Thornton and his staff (Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock) has offered to exemplify the work on any occasion. A very sociable time was spent at the close of the lodge, and I feel that good will be the outcome of my visit to this lodge.

Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton: On Friday, April 16th, 1903, being the regular meeting of this lodge, I paid my official visit. I was honored by a large turnout, not only of members, but visitors from Burford and Paris. R. W. Bro. Smiley, an enthusiastic member of this lodge, drove from Paris, nine miles, to welcome me with the officers of the lodge. There being no work, the W. M., W. Bro. Force, opened and closed in the several degrees in a faultless manner. This lodge is small in number, but all are enthusiastic Masons. Bro. Huston, the efficient Secretary, has the dues well up, and his books are neatly and correctly kept. After the lodge was closed an excellent supper was provided by Bro. Strode. Excellent addresses were delivered by Bros. Rev. Lee, Armstrong, Pratt and others of Burford Lodge, and Bros. Smoke, Dr. Logie and Barrowclaw, Paris, together with brethren of Blenheim and myself. My visit to Blenheim was one of many pleasant evenings spent in the District.

Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover: On Monday, May 11th, 1903, I paid my official visit to Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover. There was no work on. The lodge seems to be at a standstill, having no initiations during last six months. The lodge was opened and closed in the different degrees by W. Bro. Bond and his officers in an excellent manner. The officers receive very poor encouragement, the members absenting themselves from the regular meetings. A good attendance of visitors from Jarvis and Vittoria Lodges were present. Am sorry to report a large arrearage of dues in this lodge. The Secretary's books are neatly kept by W. Bro. Varey. Refreshments were served at the close of the lodge, and a pleasant time spent in speech and songs, to the satisfaction of all present.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg: Accompanied by twelve of the brethren of Wilson Lodge, No. 113, I paid my official visit to King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg, on Friday, May 15th, 1903. Were met at the station by W. Bros. Livingston, Biette, Armstrong, and others. I was introduced by W. Bro. Biette and was well received by a large number of brethren. Ten of the brethren were in St. Thomas paying their last sad office of respect to Bro. Arnold, a member of the lodge, but returned before the lodge closed. W. Bro. Livingston and his excellent officers exemplified the second degree on a well-prepared candidate in a faultless manner. This is one of the most progressive lodges in the district, and I believe is due to the fact that the Past Masters are enthusiastic workers after they retire from the East. This is as it should be. At the close an excellent spread was provided, after which a number of excellent addresses were given. The true spirit of Masonry prevails in this lodge. The brethren of Wilson Lodge, No. 113, will ever remember their visit to King Hiram, Tilsonburg.

St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris: My last official visit was made to St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris, on Friday, May 22nd, 1903. Found a large attendance of members and visitors from Ayr, St. George, Princeton and Brantford. Was pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Smiley and Liddell on this occasion. Had a very hearty reception in this lodge. The work of the evening was one second, which was exemplified by W. Bro. Logie faultlessly, receiving good support from his officers. Books well kept by the efficient Secretary, W. Bro. Taylor, who takes a great interest in the lodge. Prospects of the lodge are good, and I feel assured that if the care shown in the past is continued prosperity will still follow. At the close of the lodge the brethren repaired to the New Royal, where a grand spread was provided, after which an excellent toast list was presented, and the brethren adjourned after singing God Save the King.

In conclusion, I must again refer to the great pleasure I received in meeting on so many occasions the visitors from the different lodges throughout the District, and the personal gratification afforded me in meeting the same faces on so many different occasions. I wish to tender my sincere thanks to R. W. Bros. Atkinson, Miles, Smiley

and Karn for their many kindnesses rendered me during my term of office. I bespeak for my successor in office the same measure of kindness and assistance.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES ROSS, D.D.G.M.,
Wilson District, No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degre's conf'r'd			Abili- tations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.						M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.										Total.
10	Norfolk ...	Simcoe ...	104	5	...	5	7	8	4	3	...	...	1 12	3 15	24	\$62 00	10	\$ 60 00	Dec. 27, '02	Excell'nt	Bright	Yes	\$ 600 00
37	King Hir'm	Ingersoll ...	63	9	...	8	8	4	1	...	...	...	.. 12	4 16	12	...	19	112 75	Jan., 1903	Good	Good	Yes	325 00
43	King Sol'n's	Woodstock ...	120	10	10	17	18	13	...	...	...	...	.. 4	14 18	32	65 00	32	196 45	Dec. 27, '02	A 1	V'y Good	Yes	1100 00
68	St. John's.	Ingersoll ...	83	6	...	5	3	3	1	5	...	...	.. 14	...	25	...	25	176 25	Jan. 5, '03	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
76	Oxford ...	Woodstock ...	138	15	5	12	12	11	1	2	3	...	.. 2	14 15	29	60 00	30	190 00	Jan. 12, '03	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	1125 00
78	King Hir'm	Tilsonburg...	131	16	...	15	15	5	2	1	...	...	.. 1	12	7	30 00	10	45 00	Jan. 21, '02	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
82	St. John's.	Paris ...	60	3	1	4	4	2	1	1	0	...	.. 12	6 18	12	7 00	16	126 72	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
104	St. John's.	Norwich ...	81	1	...	2	2	3	...	3	...	...	.. 11	...	16	25 00	40	122 00	Dec., 1902	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
106	Burford	Burford ...	68	2	9	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	.. 1	12	2	...	15	170 00	June 14, '02	Good	Good	Yes	...
108	Blenheim.	Princeton ...	29	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	.. 12	1 13	11	5 00	5	34 00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	100 00
113	Wilson ...	Waterford ...	91	11	4	10	10	13	1	...	3	1	.. 12	2 14	30	50 00	...	...	Jan. 7, '03	Excell'nt	Good	Yes	650 00
149	Erie ...	Port Dover ...	59	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.. 2	9	20	...	21	64 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00
174	Walshing'm	Port Rowan ...	52	4	1	4	4	1	1	1	1 2	7	20	14	...	14	...	Dec. 27, '02	Fair	...	Yes	1200 00	
178	Plattsville.	Plattsville ...	41	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	...	.. 1	10	0	8 00	11	80 44	Jan. 6, '03	Fair	Good	Yes	250 00
181	Oriental	Port Burwell ...	29	9	2	7	7	5	1 1	13	6	6	...	6	20 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
193	Scotland ...	Scotland ...	65	2	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	.. 12	12	18	60 00	29	170 00	Dec. 27, '02	Fair	Not Br'gt	Yes	500 00
217	Frederick.	Delhi ...	60	6	...	5	4	4	1	...	...	...	.. 12	3 15	15	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
237	Vienna ...	Vienna ...	...	8	...	8	8	3	...	...	...	...	.. 11	2 13	15	65 75	10	84 00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
250	Thistle ...	Embro ...	28	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	.. 1	5	1	...	18	...	July, 1902	Fair	Good	Yes	...
261	Oak Br'nch	Innerkip ...	28	5	...	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	.. 11	2 13	10	10 00	...	15 50	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
359	Victoria ...	Victoria ...	38	1	0	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	.. 11	...	15	...	3	18 00	Jan. 9, '03	Good	Good	Yes	400 00

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the Wellington District, No. 7, for the past year.

GENERAL REMARKS.

I desire to place on record my sincere thanks to the brethren of the District for electing me to the highest office in their gift, notwithstanding my absence from the meeting of the representatives of the District at the time of my election. I also desire to thank the officers and members of all the lodges in the District for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me when paying my official visits to them.

I appointed W. Bro. Geo. A. Roos, of Preston Lodge, No. 297, District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. R. E. Knowles, of Galt Lodge, No. 257, District Chaplain.

Beginning on the 16th September, 1902, I visited officially every lodge in the District, completing the round on the 8th April, 1903, visiting several of them a number of times and without having to call any special meetings. As my report of each lodge will show, I found the lodges in a prosperous condition all over the District.

I am very much indebted to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for much valuable information and advice, freely and promptly given by him whenever asked. Whatever success I may have attained in the discharge of my duties as District Deputy Grand Master is in a large measure due to the hearty support and co-operation of my brethren in the District, and I desire to thank the following P.D.D.G.M's for the loyal support they have given me: R. W. Bros. John Scoon, Pettiford, Dr. Savage and

Mahoney, of Guelph; John McLaren and Robt. Irvine, of Orangeville; Dr. Hopkins, Grand Valley; Dr. Lockhart, Hespeler; A. J. Oliver, Alfred Taylor and Wm. Cowan, of Galt; T. P. Smith and Edward Burns, of Elora. I have, to the best of my ability, performed the duties pertaining to the office of District Deputy Grand Master in this important District, and if my efforts meet with your approbation and the approval of my brethren of Wellington District, I will be in a position to resign to my successor, untarnished, the sacred trust held by so many eminent Right Worshipful Brethren in the past.

Through the courtesy of the three Guelph lodges I was able to hold a District Lodge of Instruction in the Masonic Hall, Guelph, on the 16th day of October, 1902 (Thanksgiving day). The M. W. the Grand Master honored us with his presence. There was also a number of prominent members of the Craft present, including His Honor R. W. Bro. Judge Macwatt, of Sarnia. There were not so many of the brethren of the District present as should have been, and I would suggest to my successor that two Lodges of Instruction be held next year—one in the northern and one in the southern part of the District. The work of the first degree was exemplified in the forenoon by the officers of Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin, in a very creditable manner. After dinner, and before the work in the second degree was commenced, I had a very pleasing duty to perform, that of presenting to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Irvine, a P.D.D.G.M's apron. He well merited the honor conferred on him by the brethren of the District, and in a few well chosen remarks expressed his thanks and appreciation of their kindness. The second degree was then exemplified by the officers of New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler, in a faultless manner. My special thanks are due to W. Bro. John Jardine and the officers who so ably assisted him, as they undertook to do the work on a very short notice. The work of the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. George A. Roos, the District Secretary, Preston Lodge, No. 297, assisted by the officers of that lodge. The candidate in this, as in the first degree, was a real candidate, and the work was done in a manner that met with the approbation of the M. W. the Grand Master, who, at the close of the work in this degree, addressed some well chosen remarks

to the brethren, dealing largely with the benevolent part of Freemasonry and the good that could be accomplished if all did their duty in this respect. His remarks were much appreciated by all present. R. W. Bro. Judge Macwatt and a number of the P.D.D.G.M's also gave short addresses, extolling the good qualities of our noble Order. The lodge was closed at 6 p. m., and was a success in every way except as to numbers, 89 being the number present.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

Dispensations for the several purposes named were issued during the year by the M. W. the Grand Master or myself, as the case required, to various lodges, as follows:

1902—July 15, Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph, to confer degrees. July 28, Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus, to attend divine service. October 14, Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur, to heal a brother irregularly initiated. December 4, Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph, to install officers. December 7, Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur, to attend divine service. December 18, Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr, to install officers. December 19, Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus, to install officers. December 24, Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur, to install officers. December 26, Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville, to install officers. December 31, Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt, to install officers.

1903—June 3, Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt, to attend divine service.

Every dispensation granted was immediately reported by me to the M. W. the Grand Master, the fee sent to the Grand Secretary, and official receipts sent to the lodges.

The by-laws and amendments thereto of Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston, sent to me for the confirmation of the M. W. the Grand Master, were confirmed by him and returned to Harriston Lodge.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the past year the Grim Reaper was busy within the circle of our brotherhood, and we are ever reminded that here we have no continuing city, that "the air is full of farewells to the dying and mournings for the dead." I have been notified that the following brethren have been called from labor to rest:

On the 1st October, 1902, my very dear companion, friend and neighbor, W. Bro. Archibald Webster, an honored member of Preston Lodge, No. 297, and Master of the lodge for eight years, passed over to the silent majority. We laid him to rest under the tall pine trees in Preston cemetery, on a beautiful October afternoon (October 3rd), near the remains of our late illustrious M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz.

Bro. James McEwan, M. M., a member of Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt, died October 3rd, 1902, and was buried with Masonic honors on Sunday, October 5.

Bro. George Bruce, Tyler, M. M., Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, died January 27, 1903.

W. Bro. Thomas Brown, P. M., died February 16, 1903, and Bro. Philip Eva, M. M., died February 19, 1903, both being members of Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham.

R. W. Bro. A. B. Jardine, P.D.D.G.M., Wellington District, died February 21, 1903, and W. Bro. A. J. Brewster, P. M., Treasurer of New Hope Lodge, died March 4, 1903, both members of New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler.

Bro. William H. Smith, M. M., died November 17, 1902, and W. Bro. George R. Bruce, P. M., died February 16, 1903, both members of Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph.

Bro. W. A. Green, M. M., died December 9, 1902; Bro. John Klippert, M. M., died December 31, 1902, and Bro. Joachim Kalbfleisch died April 17, 1903, all members of Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin.

Bro. Frank Ashby Walden, M. M., of Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford, died at Peterborough 31st March, 1903, and with brotherly kindness was buried there with Masonic honors by the Peterborough brethren.

The total number of deaths in the District reported through the statistical return annexed was seventeen. Of four of these brethren no particulars have been supplied to me.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I submit the following notes of my official visits to the twenty-one lodges comprised within the District, in the order in which they were made:

Hraris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: My first visit

was to the lodge of my predecessor, Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville, on the 16th December, 1902. I expected to see the work well done in this lodge and my expectations were fully realized. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees to my satisfaction. A candidate was initiated in a manner that left no room for improvement. Harris Lodge is not only the banner lodge of the District in regard to membership, but is, what I consider of more importance than mere numbers—a model lodge in every respect. Perfect peace and harmony prevail, and the members are of the class of men we delight to call brothers. The W. M., W. Bro. Glover, is the right man in the right place, he governs his lodge with brotherly love, which commands the respect and esteem of all the members. He met with an accident some time before my visit and had his right arm in a sling, but that did not prevent him and a large delegation from the lodge meeting me at the station and giving me a hearty welcome to Orangeville. He was also in the East to welcome me to the lodge, after which W. Bro. Fish, a Past Master, who has a pleasing voice and a fine delivery, initiated the candidate. The Past Masters take a lively interest in the welfare of the lodge, and amongst them none more than my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Robt. Irvine and R. W. Bro. John McLaren, to whom I am indebted for much valuable assistance. The finances of the lodge are in good shape and in good hands. Bro. D. McPherson, the Secretary, has his books in perfect shape, the Senior and Junior Wardens were all that could be desired, and the Junior Deacon is a hustler. The lodge room is large and beautifully furnished, as are also the ante-rooms and dining hall. A banquet at the close of the meeting was an intellectual feast, many visitors prominent in the Order being present. The kindness shown me by the officers and members of Harris lodge was all that any D.D.G.M. could desire. Amongst the visiting brethren whose addresses were enjoyed very much by all were Bro. Dr. Barr, M.P.P., Shelburne; Dr. H. C. Skinner and W. Bro. D. Campbell, Past Masters of Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin. The prospects of this lodge are of the brightest, good men and true seeking admission at every meeting.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: I visited this lodge on the 11th November, 1902. There was a good attend-

ance, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The work set for the evening was a passing, which was done in a very creditable manner as far as the work of the officers was concerned. The candidate was not as well posted as he should have been, but that was more his own fault than of the brethren. The W. M., W. Bro. Dewar, and the brethren showed me every kindness. I found here a fine Masonic spirit manifested by Bro. Black, the Senior Warden, who is well qualified to preside in the East, and was asked by the brethren to take the position of honor at the last election of officers. He declined, however, in favor of W. Bro. Dewar, giving as his reason that Bro. Dewar, who is employed in a bank, might be transferred at any time and his chance of advancement to the Master's place might not come again for a long time. The prediction was soon fulfilled, as some time after the election W. Bro. Dewar was transferred to Harriston. The W. M. and all the officers do the work in a very satisfactory manner. The finances of the lodge are in good shape, the books well kept and the prospects quite encouraging. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and a social hour was spent with pleasure and profit by all.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: I visited this lodge on the 2nd of December, accompanied by W. Bro. McIntosh, of Preston, and was met at the station by W. Bro. A. Summers, the W. M. of the lodge, and who also gave me a hearty welcome at the lodge. The business of the evening included the election of officers and a passing. At the request of the W. M. I presided at the election, which resulted in the re-election of the present efficient staff. After the election W. Bro. Summers took his place in the East, and, assisted by his well skilled and well drilled officers, conferred the second degree on a model candidate, who knew his part thoroughly, spoke out clearly and distinctly, and had a proper respect for the solemnity of the ceremony. At the close of the work I felt constrained to compliment the candidate and also the brother who had posted him—they are both a credit to Speed Lodge and the Craft, and, if I mistake not, will soon meet proper recognition and advancement in the lodge. The work was done by the W. M. and his Wardens in a manner that it was a pleasure to behold. The floor work was also well done. This is perhaps not surprising, consider-

ing the advantages they enjoy for practice and having an able instructor in the person of R. W. Bro. Scoon, P.D.D. G.M., who takes a deep interest in the lodge. R. W. Bro. Scoon is an unquestioned authority on matters Masonic, his advice is much sought after and freely given, and is appreciated by none more than myself. The books of the lodge are well and correctly kept by Bro. Parker. In calling attention to the large amount of outstanding dues in their last report to Grand Lodge I was pleased to be informed that much of the arrears had since been paid and that steps had been taken to still further reduce the amount owing. The lodge is in a good financial condition, prospects encouraging, and those admitted all that could be desired. The hour being late when the meeting closed, the W. M. prudently dispensed with the usual toast list at the refreshment table, which allowed all to reach their homes at a reasonable hour. My visit to Speed lodge leaves a lasting pleasant impression on my mind.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: I visited this lodge on the 12th November, and on my arrival was met by R. W. Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.D.D.G.M., who, by his genuine brotherly kindness, made my visit to Scott lodge very pleasant. It was late when the meeting opened, as the brethren had to wait for the evening train from Toronto, on which was the candidate for the evening for the third degree. The work of raising was very well done by the W. M., W. Bro. Nodwell, and the officers who assisted him. The S. W. was absent, but his place was ably filled by a Past Master. The Junior Warden's work was as nearly perfect as one could desire, and the floor work of the Deacons and Inner Guard was well done. The Secretary, W. Bro. McIntyre, has his books in first-class order. Scott lodge is full of energy, has considerable work and first-class material. It will soon outgrow its present lodge accommodation, and, with the funds on hand, the members would be quite justified in looking for larger lodge rooms. It was a source of much pleasure to me and the brethren of Scott Lodge to have R. W. Bro. John McLaren and V. W. Bro. Robt. Mann, of Orangeville, at this meeting, and also W. Bro. Lindsay, of Arthur, and W. Bro. D. Campbell, of Erin. They, with R. W. Bro. Dr. Hopkins and the officers and several of

the members of the lodge, gave short addresses, which were much enjoyed by all present. A social hour was very pleasantly spent in the refreshment room at the close of the meeting.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus: I visited this lodge on the 5th December, the work being the election of officers and a raising. The election was conducted in the usual way. The work of raising was fairly well done by the W. M. and his officers, assisted by two Past Masters of the lodge. Practice meetings should be the rule in this lodge for some time. The material is there to do splendid work if it is developed. As mentioned by my predecessor, the lodge has passed through a season of depression, but it now seems to be on a fair road to prosperity. The members contracted some debts, to furnish their rooms, but are gradually paying off the claims and hope soon to be clear. The prospects are fairly good—the material taken is of the best—the books are well kept. The brethren of Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, take a deep interest in the welfare of this lodge and visit and assist them in the work quite often. Five of them were over the night of my visit, among them being R. W. Bros. T. P. Smith and Edward Burns, and W. Bro. Thos. Godfrey, W. M. of Irvine lodge. A pleasant social hour was spent in the refreshment room at the close of the meeting. Instructive addresses were given by several of the visiting brethren and members of the lodge, the remarks of Bro. Dr. Groves being particularly good.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin: My official visit to this lodge was on the 9th December. There was a large number of brethren present, some being from Waterloo and Elmira. My reception here was most cordial. The meeting was late in starting, and as the business included the election of officers a great deal of routine proceedings had to be gone through, and it was consequently too late to begin any of the degree work afterwards. As this lodge worked the first degree at the Lodge of Instruction held in Guelph on the 16th of October I feel confident the officers are well qualified to confer all the degrees in a satisfactory manner. There are quite a number of candidates waiting for all three degrees, and the lodge will have to hold emergency meetings to get through with the work. By request I presided at

the election of officers, and the members are to be congratulated on the selection of their present staff.. This lodge passed through many difficulties during the past few years, but is rapidly regaining its good financial standing. The members have a beautiful lodge room, with rich massive furniture, the books are kept in a faultless manner, and here, as in the other lodges visited, their watchword is Quality before Quantity. Refreshments at the close of the meeting enabled the brethren and the D. D.G.M. to understand and appreciate one another in a most kindly way. I again visited the lodge on the 9th June, being Past Master's night. The work was the raising of a very intelligent candidate, and was performed in a very impressive manner by W. Bro. Forsyth and R. W. Bro. Rev. Von Perch, assisted by other Past Masters. A very pleasing incident was the presentation of a beautiful Bible to the lodge by Bro. Wm. Brown, on his seventy-sixth birthday. Mr. Brown was heartily thanked for his generosity, and a notice of motion was given that he be made an honorary member with full privileges. It was a pleasant and profitable meeting.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston: I visited this lodge on the 12th December. This is my own lodge, and the brethren showed their appreciation of the honor conferred on the lodge by having one of their number elected by the representatives of the District to the office of D.D. G.M. by giving me a very cordial reception. The work for the evening was the raising of a very intelligent candidate to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by W. Bro. H. C. Edgar, the W. M., and his officers. Judging from the work I had seen done at a previous meeting, when the same candidate was passed, I was prepared to do some plain talking, however unpleasant it might be to me, but, to my pleasant surprise, the work was done in a faultless manner, very impressive, no hesitation or stumbling. The Wardens also had their work in good shape, and the floor work was equally good. This shows what practice will do. It gave me much pleasure to be able truthfully to congratulate the W. M. and his officers on the splendid work they had done. It was the first time the W. M. had conferred this degree, and I have not seen it done better anywhere. This lodge, though small in numbers, is full of Masonic zeal. The Past Masters take

a deep interest in its welfare. Here, as in nearly all the lodges I have visited, money is freely voted to assist such deserving institutions as the Hospital for Sick Children at Toronto, the Sanitarium for our fellow creatures suffering from that dread disease the white plague, and other deserving objects. The finances are in good shape and are well looked after by W. Bro. Fisher, the faithful Treasurer, and one of the oldest and most respected members of the lodge, W. Bro. Roos, the District Secretary, is also a pillar of strength to the lodge. The prospects are fair; good men and true are the only ones that need apply for admission. Refreshments at this meeting were dispensed with in view of a Masonic banquet to be held at the Hotel Del Monte, Preston, a week later (December 19), in honor of the D.D.G.M., to which all the lodges in the vicinity were invited. My official visit to my own lodge adds one more to the pleasant and profitable evenings spent with my Masonic brethren. The banquet on the 19th was a success in every way, and I heartily thank my brethren for their kindness. Large numbers of brethren from Galt, Hespeler, Berlin, Waterloo and other places honored us with their presence.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: By special request I paid my official visit to this lodge on their Past Master's night, their regular meeting night, 30th December. I was cordially received by the brethren of the oldest lodge in the District. There was a very large number of members and visitors present. The work set for the evening was an initiation, and I was pleased to be able to compliment the Past Masters on the efficient manner in which they performed their duties. W. Bro. Radford was in the East, W. Bro. McDougall, S.W.; W. Bro. Porteous, J.W.; R. W. Bro. Oliver, Secretary; V. W. Bro. Turnbull, J.D., and W. Bro. Collins, I.G. I have often heard W. Bro. Porteous deliver the lecture in the South, but never so well as he did that evening, and R. W. Bro. Oliver delivered the charge to the newly-initiated candidate orally in a manner that left no room for improvement. V. W. Bro. Turnbull knows how the Junior Deacon's work should be done, and gave a fine example of it. This lodge is in a prosperous condition every way. Good men only are admitted, and there is plenty of work to keep the officers busy. Five or six applications for initiation

were received at this meeting. I know the regular officers work all the degrees in a satisfactory manner, as I make it a practice to visit this and Galt lodge as often as possible. A pleasing incident took place before the lodge was closed, in the presentation to W. Bro. Porteous of a Past Master's jewel suitably engraved. It would be difficult to find a more deserving and faithful brother, and the brethren of Alma lodge honored themselves by honoring him. The benevolence of the brethren was beautifully illustrated by two handsome grants unanimously passed—one in aid of Galt Hospital, and the other to the Sick Children's Hospital at Toronto. I need scarcely say that the books are in first-class order, R. W. Bro. Oliver is a competent and faithful officer. A banquet given at the close of the meeting was a most delightful affair, the brethren of Galt lodge being also present in large numbers. These two lodges join hand in hand, in work, in joy and in sorrow. R. W. Bro. Lockhart, whose genial countenance brings sunshine wherever he goes, and Bro. George D. Forbes, of Hespeler, were also present, together with W. Bro. Roos and W. Bro. McIntosh, of Preston, and R. W. Bro. Cowan, of Galt lodge. We missed our tried and trusty friend R. W. Bro. Taylor, who was unable to be present on account of sickness.

Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton: I visited this lodge on the 6th of January, 1903, and found it in good working order. There were two candidates raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, one by the brethren of Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur, and the other by the brethren of Conestoga lodge, and both were conducted in an able and impressive manner. The W. M., W. Bro. Fawcett, has the respect and confidence of the officers and brethren. He opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees and conducted the routine business with skill and ability. He can confer all the degrees, but having only been installed two weeks before my visit felt a little timid about conferring the third degree. The Senior and Junior Wardens, the Deacons, Secretary and Inner Guard are well up in their duties. With a little practice Conestoga lodge will have a very efficient staff of officers. They already have the foundation laid for a successful lodge—perfect harmony. The books are in good shape and the prospects of the lodge seem bright. I called to see Bro.

Wood, who has been helpless for some years, and I am pleased to report that the brethren are doing what they can to assist him. He also receives a grant from Grand Lodge. Another pleasing feature is the brotherly feeling and good fellowship which exists between the brethren of this lodge and those of Arthur—the thirteen miles that separate them does not prevent them visiting each other, which they do quite often. Bro. David Campbell, the Junior Warden, was toast master at the banquet which followed the meeting. His kind and pleasing manner won the affection and esteem of all present. Conestoga lodge is all right.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: I visited this lodge on the 9th of January, 1903, and received a cordial welcome. The work set for the evening was a passing, which was done in an able manner by the W. M., W. Bro. Kilgour, and his officers. The Senior Warden delivered his lecture in an able manner, and I was glad to be able to compliment him, as it was the first time he had delivered it. The Senior Deacon was absent, and the substitute for the evening requires a good deal of practice. The books are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. Pennock. The financial standing is good and the prospects are encouraging. The members have a nice comfortable lodge room, well furnished, having spent about \$800.00 in fitting it up. R. W. Bros. McLaren and Irvine, of Orangeville, kindly came up to be present at the meeting with me. A short time was spent at the refreshment table at the close of the meeting. W. Bro. J. S. Ireland, a Past Master of the lodge, was present, and who takes a deep interest in its welfare, has the sympathy of the brethren. He mourns the loss of his father, who died near Guelph a few days after my visit to Mount Forest.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr: I visited this lodge on the 13th January, 1903, W. Bro. McIntosh, of Preston, being with me. This is a small lodge, but is in good working order. It was the first meeting under the new officers, and as there was no work on hand the lodge, at my request, was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner, showing that they had been attending to their practice meetings. I corrected a few minor errors. The books and finances are in good shape. The lodge room is small, but ample for the accommoda-

tion of the members, and beautifully furnished. The building is owned by the lodge. A ballot for affiliation was taken and an application^t for membership was received. A social hour was spent at the close of the meeting at a banquet held at the Commercial Hotel. I was honored with an invitation to a social gathering held in Reid's Hall on the 2nd of April by the brethren of the lodge and their friends. This time the ladies were present in large numbers. Having met the gentlemen only on my official visit, on this occasion I was able to say with out late Bro. Robert Burns: "Auld Ayr, wham ne'er a toun surpasses, for honest men and bonny lasses."

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: I visited this lodge on January 16th, 1903, being well acquainted with most of the brethren, had been looking forward to a pleasant and profitable meeting. My expectations were fully realized. The brethren are full of Masonic zeal and the lodge is in a prosperous condition every way. They have moved to more commodious quarters since my last visit. No expense has been spared in fitting up the rooms, and I was pleased to compliment them on their good taste and enterprise. There was no work set for the evening, the first night off for some time. However, they passed a substitute candidate in a creditable manner. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and some questions were asked me about the work, which I answered to the best of my ability. R. W. Bro. Burns, the efficient Secretary, and R. W. Bro. T. P. Smith take a very active interest in the lodge, and are pillars of strength to it. A large number of the members were present, together with quite a number of the Craft from Fergus and Belwood. The best of fraternal feeling exists between the Elora and Fergus brethren. I examined the books and found them in first-class order. I am always glad of an excuse to visit Elora, as I have strong fraternal and family ties there. The brethren had a banquet provided at the Royal Hotel to which all were invited at the close of the meeting. The usual Masonic toasts were honored in wit and wisdom. The brethren of Elora, like those of other lodges I have visited, know how to do things right, and do it. Within two weeks after my official visit I received notice of the death of the much loved and respected Tyler of the lodge, Bro. George Bruce, and, wishing to share in

the sorrows as well as the joys of my brethren, I attended the funeral, which was conducted with Masonic honors, on the 29th January. At the request of the W. M. I conducted the funeral service.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: I visited this lodge officially on the 26th January, 1903, and received a very kind welcome. The work for the evening was an initiation, and was performed in an able manner by the W. M., W. Bro. Buckingham, and his officers. It was the first time they had conferred this degree, and I had pleasure in complimenting them on their skill and ability. A very pleasing part of the work was the singing of the lodge quartette, whose full rich voices blend so harmoniously. This was also their first rendering of the musical part of the degree, and I predict splendid music from them in all the degrees. The W. M. and officers possess good voices and speak clearly and deliberately. The J. W., Bro. Geo. Chapman, delivered the lecture in the South in a very effective way. Bro. R. L. McKinnon, the J.D., performed his duties in a faultless manner. I was sorry there was no work for the S.D., Rev. T. Eakin, who, I was informed by the W.M., is a very efficient officer. The Secretary, Bro. A. L. Knowles, had just taken over the books, which are in good shape, and I am sure they will be kept so by him. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Pettiford, the honored Chaplain of the lodge, his genial manner and encouraging words are fully appreciated by all who know him. W. Bro. McLaren (I.P. M.), Gemmill (Treasurer), C. Law and other Past Masters are very active workers in the lodge. The finances are in good shape, prospects are bright, and the average attendance fair. At the close of the meeting a social hour was spent in the banquet room, and here again the singing of the quartette was much enjoyed. The kindness and hospitality of the brethren of this lodge is fully appreciated by me. They honored me with invitations to two social gatherings, both of which were thoroughly enjoyable, and must prove a source of strength and union to this progressive lodge.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: I visited this lodge on the 9th of February, 1903, and received a hearty welcome from the brethren. The work for the evening was two initiations and one passing, which were con-

ducted in a very creditable manner by the W. M., W. Bro. Ballins, assisted by his able staff of officers. Here, as at a number of the lodges I have visited, I asked permission of the W. M. to point out our errors I might see as the work proceeded. My request was freely granted, and my duties were very light in that direction. W. Bro. Ballins did all the work in the East, quite a task for one evening. Bro. Lambert, S.W., and Bro. J. H. Blackmore, J. W., performed their duties creditably. The J.D. being absent, Bro. C. E. Livingston, the S. D., discharged the duties of both Deacons with skill and ability. The candidate for the second degree was well posted, and it was a pleasure to listen to him. At my desire the lodge was opened in the third degree and closed to the first in a satisfactory manner. It was my agreeable duty to congratulate the officers on their proficiency, and the members generally, on the true Masonic spirit manifested in the lodge. In looking over the books I was pleased to notice that grants had been made to widows of deceased brethren and to other deserving objects. The books are in good order and are quite safe in the hands of the efficient and courteous Secretary, Bro. John A. Copland. A very satisfactory feature is the keen interest taken by the old Past Masters in the welfare of the lodge. The financial standing is first-class. The auditors' report was read and showed a balance of over \$500.00 to the credit of the of the lodge. It afforded me much pleasure to meet my old friend R. W. Bro. W. D. Hepburn, and the W. M. and two of the brethren of Clifford Lodge, No. 315, together with W. Bro. Dewar, W. M. of Durham Lodge, No. 306. At the close of the meeting a social hour was spent at a banquet at the Royal Hotel. Bro. Bingham, the genial host, makes his guests feel at home. I am indebted to Bro. Lambert, the S. W., for his kindness in showing me the places of interest in the afternoon. My visit to Harriston lodge deepens the impression on my mind that Freemasonry is silently but very effectively doing a noble work in the interests of humanity.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur: I visited this lodge officially on the 10th of February, 1903. The work for the evening was a passing, and W. Bro. Spotton conferred the degree in a satisfactory manner, this being his first actual work as Master. He has a good delivery,

and with a little more practice, will be able to confer all the degrees impressively. The S. W., Bro. N. Ross, who is a bank manager, has been transferred to another place. The J. W. performed his duties in a deliberate and effective way. W. Bro. Lindsay, who takes a deep interest in the lodge, delivered the lecture in the Wst in a thoroughly satisfactory way. W. Bro. O'Neill, acting S. D., and W. Bro. Mitchell, acting I. G., were all that could be desired. I examined the Secretary's books and found them in good order. The Treasurer being absent, I could not inspect his books, but was informed that the financial standing of the lodge is good, and that there were no members twelve months in arrears for dues. The prospects of the lodge are fair. There was some trouble in this lodge, handed over from last year, which was happily disposed of by the commission appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master, consisting of R. W. Bro. Judge Macwatt, R. W. Bro. John McLaren and myself. Their report has been sent to Grand Lodge. This meeting was unique in the history of this part of the District for the number of visiting brethren present. My much esteemed brethren, R. W. Bros. John McLaren and Robt. Irvine, of Orangeville, again honored me with their presence. A large delegation drove over from Drayton and another from Fergus, and when the evening train arrived from Grand Valley about twenty of the gallant brethren of Scott Lodge, No. 421, came to the meeting, and were welcomed by all the brethren standing to order. Having visited all the lodges to which these brethren belonged, I, along with Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, felt highly honored by their presence, more especially because there were several veterans of the Order over sixty and seventy years of age amongst them. A splendid banquet was prepared at the Arlington Hotel, and at the close of the meeting all were invited to attend. The large dining room was tastefully decorated and was taxed to its full capacity to hold the large company. A very pleasant hour was spent by all present. There is work as well as honor in the proper performance of the duties of D.D.G.M., but the loyal support and encouragement received at meetings like this more than compensate for any labor done, and encourages the belief of the D.D.G.M. that duty performed in the interest of our noble Craft is not in vain.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: I visited this lodge on the 13th February, 1903. There was not a very large attendance. The notice called for two passings, but as neither of the candidates was present I requested the W. M. to pass a substitute, which was done very creditably, the W. M., W. Bro. McDonald, and all the officers speaking out distinctly. W. Bro. McDonald conducts the business of the lodge with much skill, the S. W. gave the lecture in the West in good form, and the Deacons were well up in their work. I requested the W. M. to open the lodge in the third degree, which was done quite satisfactorily. I felt it my duty to correct a few minor errors. The books are correctly kept, the dues are well paid up, there is a fair balance to the credit of the lodge; and Bro. McEwing, the Secretary, has his work up to date. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. H. Hyndman and his son, V. W. Bro. Hyndman, and several of the other Past Masters. I do not know what the prospects of the lodge are. One of the last candidates is not giving the satisfaction the brethren expected, and I advised delaying his advancement until they considered him worthy of it. Palmerston being a railway centre, quite a number of the members are actively employed on the G. T. R., which may account for the small number at the meeting. The brethren should visit some of the other lodges near them more often, and assist in keeping alive that Masonic enthusiasm which is so manifest in most parts of the District. Refreshments were kindly provided by the brethren at the close of the meeting.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: I visited this lodge on the 16th February, 1903. This is a small lodge, but full of true Masonic zeal. The work for the evening was two initiations, which were conducted in a faultless manner. One of the candidates was a son of W. Bro. Wenger, W. M. of the lodge, and the other a son of W. Bro. Trapp. The W. M. and his efficient staff of officers initiated W. Bro. Trapp's son in a very impressive way, and then, addressing W. Bro. Trapp, said: "I have had the honor of initiating your son, I will now confer the same honor on you by requesting you to take the chair and initiate my son." This was also very creditably done. The meeting was worth travelling a long way to be present at. The candidates are both splendid specimens of Canadian

manhood, and are a credit to the lodge and an honor to their parents. I was glad to welcome them into our noble order and to address each of them as "My brother." They, with their fathers and a number of members of the lodge, drove from Ayton, thirteen miles, with the mercury 16 degrees below zero, to be at this meeting. A number of the brethren from Harriston, including the W. M. and S. W. of that lodge, with W. Bro. Dewar, W. M. of Durham Lodge, were also present. The work of the officers was all that could be wished for, the Junior Warden's lecture being especially good. The portals of the lodge are well guarded by W. Bro. E. Tolton, P. M., the efficient Tyler. No stove in the ante-room and sixteen degrees below zero was rather cold comfort, but when he got too cold he just added another fur overcoat, of which there were plenty, and performed his duty faithfully. It was my happy privilege to congratulate the W. M. and all the officers on the excellence of the work done. Nothing could exceed the kindness shown me by the brethren of Clifford Lodge and the visiting brethren. The books are well kept by Bro. Biggar, the genial Secretary. Dues are well paid up, and there are about \$200.00 to the credit of the lodge. A banquet at the Commercial Hotel was partaken of at the close of the meeting and a social hour was spent. A very hearty invitation to visit them again brought to a close another truly fine Masonic meeting.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph: I paid my official visit to this lodge on the 10th of March, 1903, and met with a kindly welcome. The work for the evening was an initiation and a passing, and both degrees were conferred in a satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Pratt, the W. M., and his well-skilled officers. Where all were so good it is difficult to speak of any particular officer, but I cannot refrain from complimenting Bro. McRae, the J. W., on his impressive delivery of the lecture in the South. The floor work of the Deacons and I. G. was all that could be desired. I regretted to hear of the illness of Bro. W. A. Mahoney, the efficient Secretary. I looked over the books and found them in good order. Some questions were asked and answered, I trust to the satisfaction of the brethren. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney, a faithful member of this lodge, with W. Bros. McDowell, I.P.M., and Darby. The material admitted is of the best.

The candidate for the second degree was a model candidate and a most desirable member of the Order. A social hour was profitably spent at the close of the meeting in the banqueting rooms. W. Bro. D. McIntosh, of Preston, accompanied me. The members of Guelph lodge know how to entertain their guests. The three lodges in the Royal city are a power for good in the community, and will so continue as long as they work hand in hand with that unity of purpose which should at all times characterize Free Masons.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: I visited this lodge on the 11th march, 1903, and received a kindly welcome from the large-hearted brethren of Erin. There was a good attendance, considering the state of the roads, quite a number residing some distance from the village. There being no work at this meeting the lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees, after the usual routine. The work was well done. I am satisfied that the W. M., W. Bro. Willis, and his officers are efficient in the discharge of their duties, as they had considerable to do last year, the material being of the highest order. The books are well kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. J. D. Leitch, and the finances are in the hands of our esteemed brother, R. W. Bro. Conboy, whom I was pleased to meet and who continues to take a deep interest in the welfare of the lodge. There is a balance to the credit of the lodge of over \$400. I congratulated them on the excellent condition of the lodge, on the neat and clean appearance of the rooms and the new and complete regalia of the officers. Before the lodge was closed we had a short talk on the fundamental principles of the Order and the good that can be accomplished by practising them in our lives. The remarks were received in a kindly way. W. Bros. D. Campbell, Dr. Gear and Dr. Skinner take a deep interest in and are a credit to the lodge. R. W. Bros. McLaren and Irvine, of Orangeville, again honored and encouraged me by their presence at this meeting. I am beginning to think that nearly all the lodges in this part of the District were at one time under the maternal care of Harris Lodge, and that she still keeps a motherly oversight of them. Harris lodge may well be proud of her children, for each of them is rising up to call her blessed. The social hour spent in the banqueting room

at the close of the meeting was of the happiest kind. I again visited Erin on the 23rd of May and found the fine lodge room burnt to the ground the day before—charter, books and records, furniture and regalia, all lost. I immediately notified the M. W. the Grand Master, who promptly had a duplicate warrant issued, and a dispensation given to permit the brethren to meet in the A. O. U. W. rooms for six months, until they could procure other quarters. The insurance of \$300, with the funds on hand, will help them to start again. They have the sympathy of the lodges of the District. Much sympathy is also expressed for Bro. Sutton, who lost very heavily by the fire.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: I visited this lodge officially on the 7th April, and received a truly Masonic welcome. I have had a very intimate knowledge of the working of Galt lodge for some years, as I have attended quite a number of its meetings. This was a red letter night in the history of this progressive lodge. At a previous meeting a requisition was passed requesting me to invite R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, to be present at this meeting. He kindly accepted the invitation and was present, and I had much pleasure in welcoming him to the District and to Galt Lodge. The work for the evening was an initiation by W. Bro. F. S. Jarvis, W.M., assisted by his able staff of officers and several Past Masters. The candidate was a son of the W. M., and the degree was conferred in a manner to merit the congratulations of the Deputy Grand Master. Through sickness in his family W. Bro. Jarvis has not been able to give the work the attention he would wish to, but, happily, that cause is removed, and, with the amount of good material seeking admission, I predict a successful year for the lodge. The work of the Wardens and other officers was excellent, and I was pleased to hear the distinguished guest pay a well-merited compliment to the J. W. for the able manner in which he delivered his lecture. The books are kept in splendid order by the Secretary, Bro. A. J. Doke. The marked success of this lodge is in a large measure due to the deep interest which so many of the Past Masters take in it. R. W. Bros. A. Taylor and Wm. Cowan, and W. Bros. Dr. Cameron, D. Murray, W. F. Mitchell and Geo. H. Thomas are constant in their attendance. There was a large number of the brethren at

this meeting, including visiting brethren. At the close of the meeting a banquet was partaken of, at which the usual Masonic toasts were duly honored. The addresses of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, and the District Chaplain, Rev. Bro. R. E. Knowles, delighted the entire audience. The aims and objects of genuine Freemasonry were so vividly set forth by both of the distinguished brethren that at the close all present felt they were better men and Masons. Personally, and on behalf of Galt lodge, I heartily thank the Deputy Grand Master and the District Chaplain for the good they have done the cause of Masonry in this community by their eloquent addresses.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: I visited this lodge on the 8th April, 1903, receiving a cordial welcome. I found everything in good order. There was no work for the evening except the installation of Bro. W. Brewster as Treasurer for the balance of the year, in place of his father, W. Bro. J. Brewster, recently deceased. At the request of the W. M. I performed the ceremony. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Wm. Shaw, the W. M., and his officers, who know their work thoroughly. I visit this lodge often and feel quite at home with the members, all good men and true. R. W. Bro. Dr. Lockhart is a source of great strength to this lodge, as are the Jardine brothers. Bro. John Jardine, the Secretary, keeps his books in excellent order. The removal by death of two of the oldest and most esteemed members of the lodge is a loss deeply felt by all. R. W. Bro. A. B. Jardine, P. D.D.G.M., passed away on the 21st February, 1903, and was buried with Masonic honors, large numbers of brethren from Galt, Preston and Guelph being present to pay their last sad offices of respect to departed merit. The finances of the lodge are in good shape, dues well paid up, prospects bright, and the applicants all that could be desired. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and a pleasant hour spent. W. Bro. McIntosh was again with me. This closed my round of official visits. I have tried to give a faithful record of them in as brief a space as possible. Much more could be said about Masonry in the District if space would permit.

CONCLUSION.

I submit at the close of this report the tabulated statement of returns from the various lodges in the District, showing the work done and the standing of the lodges for the year ending the 24th June last. These returns contain a fund of valuable information, and show at a glance the condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction up to a date close to the meeting of Grand Lodge. I confess, however, to feeling, in my own case, that they have added greatly to my labors and anxieties in the closing days of my official term. In order to assist the D. D. G. M. in the preparation of his report the returns should be forwarded to him by the Secretaries not later than the 25th June. A considerable number respond promptly, but there are always several who, for one reason or another, procrastinate, and the officer is kept on the tenter hooks between a wish to have his story complete and a desire to obey the urgent calls of the executive of Grand Lodge for the report of his doings. Several of these returns only reached me on the 2nd and 3rd July, and one, that of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest, reached me only at the last moment and after my report was closed. Possibly some time could be saved if these returns were directed to be prepared and signed by one person having knowledge of the facts, instead of, as at present, by both the Master and Secretary. The statement indicates a total active membership in the District of 1,434, and a net gain for the year of 89. A large number of meetings have been held, ranging from 9 to 22, with an average of over 14 meetings per lodge. It will be seen also that the average attendance at the meetings was large. Benevolence to the amount of \$455.16 was dispensed. There were, however, 162 members over twelve months in arrears for dues—amounting in all to \$1,413.08. There were 21 suspensions for non-payment of dues, and none for any other cause. Returns to Grand Lodge have been made with reasonable regularity. The financial standing of the lodges is reported good, and the prospects for the future are also generally good. The Worshipful Masters are all reported able to confer the several degrees, and the furniture of the lodges is insured, with two or three exceptions.

My report would be incomplete if I omitted to mention, in terms of the highest praise, the Masonic divine service held in Galt on Sunday, June 14th,* conducted by Rev. Bro. R. E. Knowles, District Chaplain, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Galt. A great number of the Craft from all the surrounding towns joined the brethren of Galt in listening to a great and inspiring sermon. My feeble words fail to express my appreciation of the good that has been done to our noble Order by our highly gifted District Chaplain. All present were unanimous in their praise of the splendid deliverance. My special thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Rev. Bro. Knowles, as it was at my request he consented to preach to the Craft.

Amidst our prosperity and the busy season of preparation for the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, death removes from amongst us our much loved and highly esteemed Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, who has filled his responsible office so long and so faithfully. The whole Craft lose in him a true and trusty friend and brother. Personally, and on behalf of the brethren of Wellington District, I wish to tender our sincere sympathy to his sorrowing relatives. We mourn with them the loss of one who was very near and dear to all. It can be truly said of him that he was one of nature's noblemen.

With feelings akin to regret I bring to a close my report on the condition of Masonry in this District, and wish my successor even more of success than it has been my lot to attain.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

D. B. MILLER, D.D.G.M.,

Wellington District, No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Wellington District No. 7, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Degree's Conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.		
			Total No. of all Mem.	Decrease during year.	Increase during year.	E. A.	F. C.						M. M.	Regular.										Emergent.	Total.
72	Anna	Galt	108	8	8	14	14	19	2	2	3	1	10	10	26	\$35 00	4	22 00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly		
151	Gr'nd Riv'r	Berlin	122	8	8	6	12	13	2	2	2	3	13	15	30	.....	5	31 50	June 24, '02	Good	V. Good	Yes	\$1500 00	
172	Ayr	Ayr	30	4	4	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	8	11	10	.....	6	150 00	June 24, '02	Good	Fair	Yes	700 00	
180	Speed	Guelph	72	4	4	2	3	6	1	1	1	2	2	14	23	16	21 40	4	47 00	Dec. 2, '02	Good	Fair	Yes	700 00
200	St. Albans	Mount Forest	56	4	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	14	14	16	.....	4	40 50	Jan. 24, '03	Good	Good	....	500 00
203	Irvine	Flora	51	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	11	12	16	10 00	14	85 00	Dec. 31, '02	V. Good	Good	Yes	400 00		
216	Harris	Orangeville	137	6	6	10	11	11	2	2	2	2	12	9	21	55 66	15	140 75	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	500 00		
257	Galt	Galt	98	15	8	19	16	12	7	7	2	4	11	12	23	.....	25	180 00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
258	Guelph	Guelph	82	8	8	6	6	7	1	1	1	1	13	15	31	32 60	16	180 00	June 26, '02	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
262	Harriston	Harriston	85	8	8	7	6	8	1	1	1	1	12	11	24	31 00	24	18 00	Jan. 2, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
271	Wellington	Erin	51	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	11	11	15	85 00	N/A	No Rec.	Dec. 27, '02	Good	V. Bright	Yes	600 00		
279	New Hope	Hespeler	56	2	4	4	4	1	2	2	2	2	13	15	13	.....	7	62 00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
295	Conestoga	Drayton	49	8	8	6	6	4	1	1	1	1	12	5	17	37 00	5	25 00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	300 00		
297	Preston	Preston	44	4	4	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	11	11	16	15 00	3	30 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	400 00		
306	Durham	Durham	46	2	4	4	4	6	1	1	1	2	2	13	17	15	50 00	3	36 00	Dec. 29, '02	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
314	Blair	Palmerston	61	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	8	12	17	32 50	18	120 00	Jan. 16, '03	Fair	Good	Yes	None		
315	Clifford	Clifford	25	3	3	5	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	18	19	10 00	11	3 00	Dec. 29, '02	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00		
334	Pr. Arthur	Arthur	47	4	5	5	6	2	1	1	1	1	11	14	21	5 00	11	46 32	.....	Good	Excellent	Yes	None	
347	Mercer	Fergus	47	5	5	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	12	16	15	20 00	10	56 00	June 24, '02	Pl. Sum'r	Good	Yes	400 00		
361	Waverley	Guelph	121	13	14	9	7	3	3	3	3	3	13	7	19	25 00	20	300 00	Dec. 26, '02	\$ 1000 00	Good	Yes	300 00		
421	Scott	Grand Valley	67	4	5	5	5	7	7	7	7	7	14	16	20	17 00	3	30 00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	300 00		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I now have the honor to present the annual report of Masonic District No. 8.

First let me thank the Masons of the District for the confidence imposed and honor bestowed in electing me at Windsor to the high and responsible position of District Deputy. Also to thank each of the lodges for contributing towards a beautiful regalia so kindly presented to me at Oakville on November 11th.

I have had pleasure in visiting all but two (prevented by illness) lodges in the district. And it was a gratification to note the uniform good condition of the lodges. There are no weak points, for both numerically and in ability to confer degrees the lodges stand high. There has been an increase in membership of 156, and a decrease in outstanding dues amounting to \$680. Both are healthy signs. Hamilton, with six lodges, is recognized as a Masonic stronghold, while in the almost immediate neighborhood there are more than a dozen lodges all prospering under enthusiastic and well qualified officers, and with a large membership of interested and zealous Masons.

An evidence of the zeal and ability of rural officers was shown at a Lodge of Instruction held in Milton on February 19th, 1903. Then the officers of St. Clair, No. 135; Credit, No. 219, and Walker, No. 321, gave an almost perfect exemplification of the three beautiful degrees both from the chairs and on the floor. To all who assisted I extend thanks, especially to the members of St. Clair, for lavish entertainment provided the visitors.

It was evident all lodges were active in charitable work, the unfortunate brother being provided for and the widow and orphan planned for.

Reference must be made to the great loss sustained by Masonry in general, and this District in particular, by the death of M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Bro. Mason was one of the devoted architects of the Craft. He inspired and instructed the workmen, ever influencing them to aid in all good works. His long years of faithful service is the brightest tribute to his memory.

On the 8th day of September, 1902, at the request of the church officers, Grand Lodge assembled in Glen Williams and M. W. Bro. Harding, Grand Master, well and truly laid the corner stone of St. Alban's Chapel. Our beautiful and impressive service was fully enjoyed by both the Masons and the public present.

Owing to the foregoing lengthy remarks our reference to each lodge shall be brief, especially when I have to report such uniform good standing.

REPORT OF LODGES.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook: Visited on October 15th, 1902. This was my first official visit. In the absence of W. Bro. Jas. Lang, W.M., the chair was acceptably taken by W. Bro. Mulloch. Owing to the candidate not presenting himself no work was done, but the officers opened and closed in the three degrees quite satisfactorily. The lodge is in a good position financially.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek: Visited on November 10th, 1902. Lodge was found in a flourishing condition, the membership having just passed the hundred mark. W. Bro. A. E. Kimmins, W. M., and his bright young officers, worked the first degree in excellent manner. The condition of this lodge is high and prospects extra bright.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro: Visited on November 13th, 1902. W. Bro. John K. Jones, W. M., worked the first degree in correct and impressive style, assisted by his officers. The lodge is improving each year, the records and finances being kept in fine order by Secretary Alfred Jones.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton: Visited on December 9th, 1902. This was my first official visit to a Hamilton lodge, and I was cordially received by W. Bro. T. Hillhouse Brown. The lodge was rejoicing because

the membership had reached the three hundred mark. W. Bro. Brown has been an energetic Master, and his efforts were not without results. He was aided by zealous officers and members. This lodge is in excellent order. I conducted the election of officers amid the best of good children, for each of them is rising up to recall her feeling.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington: Visited on December 10th, 1902. It was a pleasure to listen to W. Bro. Forth, W. M., confer the third degree throughout. He presided over a lodge that has been growing numerically for some years. New officers were elected, with the gavel in my hand, and I am confident the lodge will continue to prosper under the direction of the new staff.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton: Visited on December 12, 1902, my second Hamilton visit was to this lodge. W. Bro. Fred Yapp extended a cordial welcome in appropriate words, and afterwards asked the Past Masters to confer the second degree. I also conducted the election of officers, which passed off with the greatest harmony. The good charitable work done by this lodge deserves special mention, guided as it is by R. W. Bro. Holden. This lodge is also to be congratulated on passing the three hundred mark.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton: Visited on December 18th, 1902. Requested in felicitous terms by W. Bro. W. M. Logan, W. M., I presided at the election of officers and was gratified at the manifest zeal and harmony. St. John's for years held the banner membership under Grand Lodge, and is also known for its good workmanship. This lodge is also entitled to great praise for its liberal contributions to charitable purposes, giving \$180 during the year. This is a most commendable course, well worthy of imitation. The lodge is prosperous and well officered.

Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton: Visited on December 19th, 1902. This is the third lodge in Hamilton that I have to report having increased its membership to over three hundred during the year. Here, too, I also directed the election of officers, when requested by W. Bro. W. J. Fearman, W. M., who was closing a most active year's mastership. The membership is noted for their devotion to their lodge, and this is evidenced by the fact that the amount of unpaid dues is remarkably small.

That Strict Observance will prosper is assured, with its capable officers.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove: Visited on January 13th, 1903. This lodge has been enjoying continued prosperity of recent years, and amid plenty is not forgetful of benevolent work. W. Bro. S. Frank Smith, W. M., and officers, exemplified the first degree in correct style. This lodge is growing rapidly.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton: Visited on February 9th, 1903. A most creditable first degree was conferred by W. Bro. A. T. Brown, W. M., and officers, making it exceptionally impressive for the candidate. W. Bro. Stark, the Secretary, keeps his records particularly neat and accurate.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton: Visited on February 19th, 1903. Combined with my official visit I was pleased to hold a Lodge of Instruction, the Milton brethren generously offering to entertain all visitors. The result was a profitable gathering, when the officers of St. Clair worked the first degree: Credit, No. 219, performed the second, and Walker, No. 321, exemplified the third, all in a particularly perfect manner. Special attention was given to the floor work, and the candidates for second and third degrees repeated the obligation of the former degree. There was a large gathering of Masons from neighboring lodges. My examination showed that St. Clair is active and careful, and W. Bro. Dr. Anderson, W. M., and officers are maintaining the good work of recent years.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown: Visited on March 13th, 1903. I have already spoken of the good work the W. M., W. Bro. Speight, and officers did at the Lodge of Instruction. My visit proved them equally zealous hosts. For paying dues, Credit lodge holds the record in the District. This is perhaps largely due to the systematic Secretary, Bro. T. R. Earngey.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster: Visited on April 21st, 1903. The affairs of this lodge, located in such an historic district, are guided by W. Bro. E. W. Wright, who is supported by energetic officers, including the zealous Secretary, W. Bro. Dr. Farmer. This lodge recently purchased the building in which it meets, and is most comfortably housed, with the brightest prospects.

St. George Lodge, No. 243, St. George: Visited on

April 23rd, 1903. This lodge is known to do good work, has a strong membership, and W. Bro. Vanatter, W. M., is a capable presiding officer and backed by able Past Masters. The lodge records are closely kept by Bro. Lucas.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia: Visited on May 6th, 1903. This lodge, with its long history, is still active and prospering, W. Bro. Seaton presiding. The officers worked a very creditable first degree. W. Bro. Thompson, the capable Secretary, has the keeping of records down to a science.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton: Visited on May 18th, 1903. This lodge has been most active this year, and conferred the first and second degrees on the evening of my visit. W. Bro. A. B. Clark, W. M., and his officers showed themselves familiar with every part of the work. There is certain prospect of continued success for W. Bro. McClellmont, W. M., is an enthusiastic Mason.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville: Visited on May 5th, 1903. The visit to my mother lodge was of a quiet nature, as I knew well the good work the officers have already done and the present good condition of the lodge. W. Bro. Quance, W. M., and Bro. Bradbury, Secretary, will carefully look after the affairs of the lodge.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford: Visited on May 15th, 1903. Here was found the prevalent prosperity, for Doric is the banner record in the District, having initiated 35 candidates. W. Bro. Spence, W. M., is alive to all the interests of Masonry, and under his guidance the lodge is certain to prosper. I witnessed the working of the first degree in an exceptionally creditable manner, particularly the J. W's lecture.

Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton: Visited on June 5th, 1903. This lodge has always stood high in Masonic ranks, and it still holds that position with dignity. There was an excellent meeting, over which W. Bro. J. J. Evel presided in a very gracious and pleasing manner. The affairs of this old historic lodge are in exceptionally good condition. As requested, I conducted the election of officers, which was practically unanimous in each case.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas: Visited on June 8th, 1903. Owing to illness I was unable to visit this lodge, and requested R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Holden to act as representative, which he did in a most acceptable manner. He reports the lodge to be in good condition in every respect.

W. Bro. Dr. Bertram, W. M., was also, through illness, unable to be present. R. W. Bro. Holden conducted the election of officers. Special credit is due R. W. Bro. Latshaw, who fills the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, in such an attentive manner.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford: Visited June 24th, 1903. R. W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham accepted my request to act as D.D.G.M. (owing to my continued illness) at the 50th anniversary of this lodge, and also at the installation of officers. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering, the lodge room being taxed to its utmost. Dr. Hanna presided in his usual pleasing manner. R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, of Barrie, gave a very instructive lecture on "Symbolic Masonry," explaining many Craft customs. One pleasing feature of the meeting was the presence of V. W. Bro. Henwood, who was the first Master of the lodge in 1853. R. W. Bro. Passmore, the Secretary, read a history of Brant Lodge, the charter of which was dated June 6th, 1853, and was granted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Special mention must be made of the flowers, decorations and electrical display in the banquet room. Brant lodge is still prospering, in spite of its years.

Dispensations to attend divine service were granted to the following lodges: Seymour, No. 272; Waterdown, No. 357; Wentworth, No. 166; St. John's, No. 40; Oakville, No. 400; Burlington, No. 165; Acacia, No. 61.

It is my desire to express my full appreciation of the utmost kindness extended and unbroken courtesy shown me on all my visits. Much could be said of the generous hospitality everywhere extended. Also would I thank the many brethren who accompanied me on my official visits and assisted in the work, as well as adding to the pleasure of the social part. Especially could I mention a number of good Hamilton brethren.

My ever present companion was my attentive District Secretary, Bro. A. S. Forster, of Oakville, who gave me valued assistance. W. Bro. Dr. McCrimmon, of St. Clair, was Assistant Secretary.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. H. ROBINSON, D.D.G.M.,
Hamilton District, No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Hamilton District, No. 8, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degrees conf'd		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Suspensions, P. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.						F. C.	M. M.	Regular.										Emergent.	Total.
9	The Barton	Hamilton	328	5	12	11	14	1	2	12	0	5	12	3	15	43	\$41. 00	48	\$ 360 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 500 00	
27	Strict Obs.	Hamilton	314	15	12	17	13	7	2	2	0	4	13	6	19	39	45 45	29	79 00	June 24, '03	Bright	Bright	Yes	Jointly	
40	St. John's.	Hamilton	360	6	15	15	15	6	3	3	6	9	12	6	18	43	179 20	66	206 00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
45	Brant..	Brantford	162	13	12	6	10	2	7	7	0	1	12	4	16	36	74 00	22	160 00	Dec., 1902	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	1200 00	
57	Harmony..	Bainbrook	61	4	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Jan., 1903	Fair	Dull	No	..
61	Acacia	Hamilton	302	23	12	17	19	2	4	4	7	1	13	4	17	42	75 00	56	156 25	..	Good	F't Class	Yes	Jointly	
62	St. Andrew	Caledonia...	49	2	4	2	2	1	0	3	0	1	12	0	12	15	16 00	6	18 10	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
100	Valley ..	Dundas	96	10	7	7	7	1	2	0	0	0	11	3	14	24	48 00	9	83 50	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
121	Doric ..	Brantford ..	235	36	35	19	12	2	5	3	1	2	12	13	25	39	90 00	51	500 00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Insur'd	
135	St. Clair ..	Milton	77	7	3	5	4	2	0	3	0	0	13	6	19	25	10 00	36	214 50	Dec. 27, '02	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00	
165	Burlington	Burlington...	67	5	5	7	7	..	0	2	1	0	13	2	15	23	15 00	..	5	18 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
186	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	105	4	4	4	5	..	0	0	0	0	12	2	14	35	..	13	50 00	Dec. 31, '02	Good	Grand	Yes	500 00	
219	Credit ..	Georgetown	73	2	2	3	2	..	0	0	0	0	13	3	16	22	90 00	6	16 00	June 30, '02	Good	Good	Yes	250 00	
243	St. George.	St. George	58	7	2	7	5	4	..	0	0	2	13	5	18	18	10 00	16	131 53	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
272	Seymore ..	Ancaster	79	1	4	3	3	1	0	3	0	1	12	4	16	26	20 00	16	85 75	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	750 00	
321	Dufferin ..	W Flamboro	65	10	11	8	9	..	0	1	0	0	13	4	17	17	30 00	10	101 50	June 24, '03	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00	
324	Walker ..	Acton	44	5	2	4	4	3	1	0	2	0	0	13	3	16	18	..	19	19 00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
357	Temple ..	Hamilton	301	26	16	21	21	25	1	1	6	5	1	3	12	9	21	30	156 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
382	Waterd'wn	Milgrove	73	12	12	9	18	..	0	1	0	0	13	7	10	22	65 00	23	125 00	Dec. 27, '02	Very Fair	Very Fair	Yes	150 00	
382	Doric ..	Hamilton	202	13	20	2	14	4	1	3	4	0	4	13	2	15	43	61	198 37	June 24, '03	Excellent	Bright	Yes	Jointly	
400	Oakville ...	Oakville	107	8	5	7	9	14	..	0	0	2	13	6	19	25	20 00	43	158 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present my report upon the condition of Masonry in the 9th Masonic District.

Before doing so I wish to thank the brethren of Georgian District for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me one year ago to the honorable and responsible office of District Deputy Grand Master, and also for the many kindnesses I have received at their hands during the year just closed, a year, generally speaking, in which harmony and prosperity has abounded in the District.

My first official act was to appoint Bro. Rev. Walter Witten, Ph. D., of Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. F. N. Warren, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie, District Secretary, to both of whom I am indebted for faithfulness to the several duties devolving upon them.

I have had the pleasure of visiting each lodge in the District at least once, and several of them oftener.

DISPENSATIONS.

I granted dispensations during the year to four lodges to appear in Masonic clothing, in public procession, to attend divine service, viz.: Pythagoras, No. 137, Spry, No. 385; Manitou, No. 90, and Beaver, No. 234.

DEATHS.

The following deaths have been reported to me: W. Bro. Elder Boddy, Simcoe, No. 79; W. Bro. John Dickin-son, Corinthian, No. 96; Bro. John Stephens, Corinthian, No. 96; Bro. Hugh Fraser, Manitoulin, No. 236; Bro. J. R. Jupp, Orillia, No. 192; Bro. Archibald Neilson, Prince Arthur, No. 335; R. W. Bro. J. Creasor, North Star, No.

322; Bro. Alfred Arnold, Corinthian, No. 96, and Bro. James Edwards, Kerr, No. 230.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

In accordance with the wishes of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and in order to promote uniformity in the work of the District, a Lodge of Instruction was held on the 13th of March in connection with Lorne Lodge, Shelburne, as appears from my report on that lodge. The Entered Apprentice degree was worked by the officers of Lorne Lodge, the Fellow Craft degree by the officers of Seven Star Lodge, Alliston, and the Master Mason's degree by the officers of Spry Lodge, Beeton. The work, as exemplified, was of a very high order, and received the well-merited commendation of the distinguished brethren present. The meeting cannot fail to be of much benefit to the lodges in the District that availed themselves of the privilege of being present.

I attended on Thursday evening, March 12th, a joint emergent meeting of the two Barrie lodges, Corinthian and Kerr, on the occasion of the official visit of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to the Masons of Barrie. The first degree was worked by the officers of the two lodges, after which the Grand Master was tendered a banquet in the dining hall adjoining the lodge room. A large concourse of resident and visiting brethren were present to greet the Grand Master, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in speeches and song. In this connection I wish to bear testimony to the loyalty and devotion to the work of M. W. Bro. Harding, he having visited, along with me, a majority of the lodges in the district this year, and, as a result, much enthusiasm has been aroused and good followed.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford: Simcoe Lodge was visited by me on Monday, February 23rd, and I found the enviable reputation of this lodge well sustained by its present officers. W. Bro. Robinson conferred the first degree on two candidates in a very capable manner, and particularly as this was the first initiation he had worked. The lecture by the Junior Warden, Bro. Green, was exceedingly well given, while Bro. Foucar handled the charge in his usual faultless manner. I was particularly well pleased with the work of the officers on the floor, and

this lodge will have good material for years to come to fill the more important chairs. The Secretary's books are models of neatness, and he has the dues well paid up. I had the pleasure during the evening of presenting to P.M.'s Ogilvie, Oldham and Scanlon a Past Master's jewel on behalf of the officers and members of the lodge as a recognition of their services to, and in keeping with a very happy custom of, Simcoe lodge. This lodge has not escaped the hand of death, and on December 3rd I attended an emergent meeting called for the purpose of attending the funeral of W. Bro. Elder Boddy, a P. M. of the lodge, on which occasion an unusually large number of members and visitors were present to pay the last sad offices of respect to departed merit.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound: I visited this lodge on Friday, December 5th, 1902, on the occasion of the official visit of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, to this, and its sister lodge, North Star, No. 322, Owen Sound. I was officially received by the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Marshall, after which W. Bro. Harry Wright, W.M. of North Star Lodge, welcomed the Grand Master on behalf of the two lodges. Through the kindness of W. Bro. A. Stephens and a number of enthusiastic brethren of Pythagoras, No. 137, Meaford, I enjoyed a pleasant drive from the latter place to Owen Sound. The W. M., W. Bro. Marshall, and his officers, worked the first degree in a very creditable manner, and particularly considering the over crowding of the lodge room, a very large number of visiting brethren, besides regular members, being present to do honor to our esteemed Grand Master. This lodge has the good fortune of having a large number of distinguished and zealous Past Masters amongst its membership, and this circumstance, together with the fact that a lot of new blood is being introduced, makes its prospects exceedingly bright. The Secretary's books are neat, and the finances of the lodge are in a very healthy condition. A splendid banquet in the Patterson House, presided over by R. W. Bro. Judge Creasor (whose death since we deeply deplore), and at which the Grand Master gave a most instructive address, marked the close of a most enjoyable visit.

Manitou Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood: I visited this lodge on Wednesday evening, February 11th, and was

met at the station and most hospitably entertained during my stay in this thriving town by the W. M., W. Bro. A. D. Knight. The brethren of Collingwood have the most commodious, and one of the best furnished lodge rooms in the District, and I am pleased to say are rapidly paying off a floating debt on the building, which will then be their own. There was a splendid turnout of the members, including many Past Masters of distinction. W. Bro. Knight worked the Fellow Craft degree in a manner which places him in the front rank as an accurate, earnest and impressive worker, and besides showed that he is an exemplary presiding officer. The Senior Warden was unavoidably absent, but the Senior Warden's lecture did not suffer at the hands of the W. Bro. who took his place. The Senior Deacon's work is particularly worthy of mention. The Secretary's books are well kept and the dues are pretty well paid up. A supper in the banquet room, followed by speeches and singing, brought to a close one of the most enjoyable and satisfactory visits of my year.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: I have the privilege of attending the regular meetings of this, my mother lodge, and am proud to say that the reputation the lodge has enjoyed for many years for doing good work is being well sustained by the present officers. I paid my official visit on the evening of March 5th, and saw the W.M., W. Bro. Wilkes, confer the second degree in a very acceptable manner. The lecture by the Junior Warden, and the charge by the Senior Warden, were given in such a manner as shows that these brethren have the work at heart. The Senior Deacon was absent, as well as the Inner Guard, but the work of the former did not suffer in the care of the Junior Deacon, and the duties of the latter were well performed by Bro. Jackson. The Secretary's books are very satisfactory, and the finances of the lodge in a flourishing condition. I am glad to be able to report the prospects of my mother lodge are very bright indeed. Owing to the opening of the new Royal Victoria Hospital and other attractions in the town the same evening, the attendance was not so good as in former years on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Master's representative to Corinthian.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: I visited this lodge on Tuesday evening, February 13th, and although

there were several counter attractions in the town that evening there was a splendid attendance, including many Past Masters. The third degree was worked by W. Bro. Clarke, assisted by W. Bro. Sparling, P. M., in capital style, showing careful preparation. I had very little opportunity of judging of the Warden's work except in the opening and closing, which was very well done. The Junior Deacon and Inner Guard are both good officers. The Senior Deacon was absent, and his work, taken at the last minute by another brother, was not so well done. The Secretary's books are in fair shape, and the finances of the lodge healthy. There were nine applications received the night of my visit, and taking everything into account the prospects of this lodge are very bright. The brethren intend making some changes in the appointments of the building, which will make it very comfortable and handsome. A social time was spent for a couple of hours working the fourth degree, thus bringing to a close one of the pleasantest visits of my year of office. I had the pleasure of attending an emergent meeting of this lodge on Tuesday evening, May 12th, and of assisting in the raising of two soldier brethren. I was pleased to note the steady improvement in the work of the officers.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: My visit to this lodge, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Hallett, on Friday, May 8th, was one of the pleasantest of the year. The E. A. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Sheppard in a very impressive manner, and he was duly supported by his Wardens, the lecture by the J. W. being particularly well done. The charge, as delivered by W. Bro. Calverly, P. M., elicited well-merited praise from myself and the visiting brethren. The Inner Guard and Deacons display marked attention to details in the execution of their several parts. The work, as a whole, reflects credit upon the officers themselves and the Past Masters who have been schooling them, a large number of whom occupied seats in the East. The finances are in good condition, and the prospects of the lodge are very bright. This lodge had the misfortune, early in the year, of being visited by a disastrous fire, but fortunately the loss was fully covered by insurance, and through the energy of the brethren the room has been restored to its former beauty. The hospitality for which the W. M. and brethren are noted was fully ex-

emplified at a magnificent banquet furnished in the dining hall of the lodge.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: This lodge being located in my native town, I looked forward to my official visit on Friday evening, December 5th, to the brethren whom I had been in the habit of visiting regularly, with considerable pleasure, and my expectations were fully realized, as I was cordially received and hospitably entertained. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. D. M. Stewart, and, considering it was the first work he has done, he acquitted himself well. The Senior Warden gave the charge very well. The lecture by the Junior Warden was not so well given as I have been accustomed to hear it in Kerr lodge, where I am glad to report a high standard of work has been established. Without particularizing the work of the officers on the floor, their work was good. I think W. Bro. Marr, the Secretary, has the best books in the District. There are quite a number of members in arrears notwithstanding his efforts to have them pay up. A long list of Past Masters of eminence were present, as is the custom on the occasion of the visit of the D.D.G.M., and they took an active part in the working of the fourth degree.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg: My visit to this lodge on March 10th, was one of the pleasantest of the year, and I was very much impressed with the harmony existing amongst the members. W. Bro. Dickinson makes a model Secretary, keeps his books neatly, and has the dues well paid up. The finances of the lodge are in good shape, and the prospects for the future are very bright. The work of the first degree was well done by the Master and Wardens alike, while the floor work was uniformly good. Two of the Past Masters of this lodge have represented the Grand Master in Georgian District, and their zeal and fidelity, coupled with that of the other P. M's, accounts in no small measure for the present prosperous condition of Masonry amongst them. The brethren of Beaver lodge are also adepts at the work of the fourth degree, a happy exemplification of which followed the regular work in the lodge room.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown: This lodge, like one or two others in the District, has entered upon a new era of prosperity. The brethren are busily engaged

in fitting up and furnishing a new lodge room, which is very much needed, and before they resume labor after vacation it is expected it will be ready for occupation. On the occasion of my official visit June 9th, three bright young men were initiated by the W. M., W. Bro. A. Mackay, M. D., assisted by W. Bro. Patterson, P. M., who did their work very creditably. Some of the members live a considerable distance from the village, and the meeting was late in opening, and some of the officers were absent, but their places were well filled, the J. W.'s lecture being particularly well given by W. Bro. A. Kirk, P. M. The finances of the lodge are satisfactory, and the books are in the hands of an energetic and painstaking Secretary. We thoroughly enjoyed the banquet which preceded a sixteen miles drive home.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 249, Midland: I paid my official visit to this lodge on June 8th, it being my first visit to this thriving town. During the afternoon W. Bro. Preston, W. M., entertained myself and some fifty other guests to a most enjoyable outing amongst the islands, with which the neighboring portion of the Georgian Bay abounds, and this, together with the magnificent banquet to which we were treated at the conclusion of labor, marked this visit as one of the pleasantest of my term of office. I am pleased to be able to report this lodge in a most flourishing condition. Plans were submitted at this meeting for a new and more commodious lodge room. Material of a most desirable character is being admitted, and the officers are doing their work well. The W. M. initiated a candidate in a manner not excelled during the year, and he was well sustained by his officers in their work. Bro. Short, the Senior Warden, gives promise of being an efficient presiding officer when his time arrives. The floor work was good, that of the Junior Warden being especially worthy of mention. This is the mother lodge of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Raikes, to whose untiring efforts is no doubt due, to a large extent, the prosperous condition of Caledonia lodge.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner: This lodge has not been visited by several of my predecessors, they being unable to arrange a meeting. I visited on Tuesday, April 7th, on which occasion a candidate was initiated. The work was below the average in the district,

and the attendance small, but I have some hopes that this lodge has seen its worst and will revive ere long. The Junior Warden's lecture by W. Bro. Briggs was given with a degree of accuracy which shows thoroughness in the past. The Secretary, W. Bro. Bethune, has his books in good shape, and the finances in fair condition.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 289, Alliston: I paid my official visit to this lodge on Wednesday evening, January 7th, on the occasion of the dedication of the new lodge room by the M. W. the Grand Master. This lodge occupies the proud distinction of owning its own building, which is a credit to the energy and enterprise of the brethren of Alliston. It was an occasion for the assembling together of a great many brethren from different parts of the District, and the comfortable and beautiful lodge room was taxed to its utmost. The second degree was conferred upon a candidate by the W. M., W. Bro. Hipwell, and although at times not so accurate as might be expected, he did his work very well under the circumstances. The lecture by the Senior Warden and the charge by the Junior Warden was well given. The Senior Warden gives promise of being a very efficient officer. The work, as a whole, shows lack of practice, which is accounted for by the fact that the officers have had the completion of their new quarters on their hands and the dedication details to attend to. The dues are practically all paid up, and the Secretary, W. Bro. Wright, is to be congratulated on this fact. The ceremony of dedicating the new hall was then performed by the M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by a large number of visiting Past Masters, and an important meeting in the history of Seven Star Lodge was brought to a close by a banquet in the Town Hall in honor of the Grand Master.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud: My reception on my official visit to this lodge on February 10th was one of the heartiest and most spontaneous of my year of office, as I was born within a few miles of the lodge room, and am personally acquainted with all the members, who look upon and treat me as one of their own. It gives me great pleasure to report that this lodge, which has in times been in deep water, and has been reported on adversely by some of my predecessors, is now in a prosperous and flourishing condition. The dues are fully paid up and a hand-

some surplus on hand after appropriating a large share of their funds to charity, as is the most commendable practise of this lodge. The books of Bro. Black, the Secretary, are well kept. I attribute the remarkable change in the condition of this lodge to the faithfulness and loyalty of the older members and the enthusiastic zeal of the young officers. W. Bro. McConkey, P. M., conferred the first degree in a highly creditable manner, and the W. M., W. Bro. Black, who is enjoying the confidence of the brethren for a second year in the East, worked the third degree in a manner that places him in the front rank. The Junior Warden, without the aid of the tracing board, gave the lecture in good style, and the Senior Warden, in delivering the charge, certainly maintained the high standard to which he has attained for accuracy and impressiveness. I was accompanied on this visit by twenty-five of the brethren from Barrie, and we were all right royally entertained by the brethren of Minerva lodge at the new King Edward Hotel after labor.

North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound: Accompanied by W. Bro. Hammill, of Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford, I paid my official visit to this lodge on Wednesday, May 13th, driving over from Meaford, and was most hospitably received and entertained. With the exception of Spry lodge, the work of the evening has not been excelled during the year. The W. M., W. Bro. Telford, although suffering from a heavy cold, initiated a candidate in finished style, while the Junior Warden, who is quite a young man, acquitted himself most creditably in the Junior Warden's lecture. This lodge has a well balanced set of officers, and the Inner Guard and Deacons well sustained the work of the other officers. The lodge is to be congratulated upon possessing a most courteous and painstaking Secretary, to whose faithfulness to duty is due, in a large measure, the prosperity of the lodge. The dues are well paid up, and altogether the lodge is in a very healthy condition.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 335, Flesherton: My visit to this lodge on Friday, February 6th, was one of the most enjoyable of the year. There was a good attendance, including a large number of Past Masters, who very acceptably filled some of the minor chairs in the absence of the regular officers. W. Bro. Hickling did the work of the

first and second degrees in a most impressive manner, and the lecture of the Junior Warden in the first degree and of the Senior Warden in the second degree merited my favorable comment. The Secretary's books are models of neatness, and the dues and finances are in a most satisfactory state. I recommended that the regularly appointed Deacons and Stewards should be required to fill their chairs. The brethren of this lodge have won a warm spot in my affections by their treatment of the Assistant Secretary, who has been for years an invalid. A profitable hour was spent after labor in connection with a splendid supper provided by the wives of the members.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene: My first official visit in the District was made to this lodge, which is located in the historic town of Penetanguishene, on Thursday, October 2nd, 1902, in company with the District Secretary, W. Bro. F. N. Warren, and the work done by the officers set a high standard for excellence, which has been pretty generally sustained throughout the District. The third degree was worked by the W. M., W. Bro. Lane, with whom I have had a great many happy associations, Masonic and otherwise, in a very creditable manner, and the work of the Senior Warden, Bro. Breed, who has since been elected to the Master's chair, was equally well done. The Junior Warden was absent, but his chair was well filled by Bro. Martin. The Inner Guard was also absent. I had also the pleasure of congratulating the Deacons upon the neatness of their work, as well as the Secretary upon the neatness of his books. The dues are well paid up, and altogether the lodge is in a prosperous condition. My immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Braikes, graced the occasion with his presence, accompanied by Bro. Short, of Midland, and a number of brethren from Elmvale. An excellent banquet at the Canada House brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, March 13th, on the occasion of the holding of the Lodge of Instruction, and saw the brethren initiate a very bright candidate. The lodge has had the misfortune to lose its W. M., W. Bro. Laing, having gone to the Northwest, but I am happy to say it is prospering under the guidance of W. Bro. Mowat, the I.P.M., who did the work well. The Junior Warden gave his lecture most

accurately, and the charge could not have been more impressively given than it was by W. Bro. Marshall, P. M. The floor work was very fair, the Inner Guard requiring a little more practice. Lorne Lodge has a very handsome room, well and tastefully furnished, and its prospects are very bright. W. Bro. Mason makes an excellent Secretary, and to his indefatigable efforts is due to a great extent the success of the Lodge of Instruction for the District, held in connection with this lodge on this date. The meeting was favored with the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, and a number of brethren from Wellington District were present to assist the brethren of Georgian District to honor their distinguished guest. The visiting brethren were right royally entertained by the Shelburne brethren at the close of the meeting at a banquet held in the Town Hall.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton: This lodge has provided itself with a very pretty and tastefully appointed lodge room during the year, and I had the pleasure of being present at the dedication of same by the M. W. the Grand Master on the evening of October 21st. A very large number of visitors were present from neighboring lodges, and were most hospitably entertained by the Beeton brethren at a banquet given in honor of the Grand Master after the close of the ceremony. A pleasing event in the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Goldsmith. I visited this lodge officially on Monday evening, February 9th, and, taking the work as a whole it was undoubtedly the best I have seen during my term of office. A candidate was initiated by the W. M., W. Bro. Dunn, in a most accurate and impressive manner, and the lecture by the Junior Warden and the charge by the Senior Warden show how well work can be given when a brother takes the trouble to apply himself to it. The Inner Guard was away, but the office did not suffer in the hands of the brother who did the work. The dues are all paid up, and the books of W. Bro. Croft, the Secretary, are in good shape. I was hospitably entertained by Bro. Ross at the House of Refuge.

Nitetis Lodge, No. 444, Creemore: I visited this lodge on the night of the 17th of March, and as the railway connections with this village are not the best, and the roads

at this season of the year unfit for driving, I arrived late and found that the second degree had already been worked. I had, however, the pleasure of seeing the third degree exemplified upon a carefully prepared candidate in a most impressive manner by W. Bro. Hood, the W. M. The opening and closing of the lodge was nicely done. The Inner Guard is new at his work, but with a little practise will make a good officer. The Junior Warden was absent through illness, and his place was very acceptably filled by the Junior Warden of Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood. W. Bro. Brown makes a good Secretary. The finances of the lodge are sound, and as a number of good men were ballotted for on the occasion of my visit, and several applications received, I consider the prospects of this lodge, which has only had its charter for a few years, very bright. The smoothness of the work is somewhat interfered with by the smallness of the lodge room, but it is the largest at present available and is well and comfortably furnished.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk: I had the pleasure of being present at the constituting of this new lodge and the consecrating of the room by the Grand Master at 1.30 p. m. on Friday, October 31st, when a goodly number of visitors were present, including a number of Past Masters of distinction, who assisted in the beautiful ceremony. I had the honor, on this occasion, of installing the first officers of this lodge. I made my official visit on the evening of Thursday, February 5th, the brethren having very kindly called an emergent meeting I asked to be called to suit my convenience. The candidate did not turn up, but a brother volunteered to act, and the work of the second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Vandusen in a very satisfactory manner, and particularly as my visit was made early in the year. The Senior Warden's lecture was accurately given, and reflects credit on this officer, as he has not, as yet, a chart to assist him. The lodge is making very satisfactory progress, and, while the brethren are still struggling with financial difficulties, the outlook is bright.

In conclusion, permit me again to thank the brethren of the District for the high honor conferred upon myself and my mother lodge in electing me to the high office of D.D. G.M., and for the courteous manner in which I have invariably been received on my official visits.

I have tried my best to do my duty, and in surrendering the gavel of office to my successor I feel I am handing over to him this large and influential district in a very satisfactory condition, and I bespeak for him the same cordial support which has been accorded me and my predecessors.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

ALEX. COWAN, D.D.G.M.,
Georgian District, No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Georgian District, No 9, from June 21th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.		Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.			
			Total	Net		Total	Net	Regular.	Emergent.				Total.																					
79	Simcoe	Bradford	66	5	1	5	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	14	25	\$50 00	18	\$ 96 00	Dec. 27, '02	A 1	Bright	Yes	\$ 600 00			
84	St. Georges	Owen Sound	112	25	4	22	23	17	2	13	11	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	13	27	30	15	186 00	Dec. 31, '02	Good	Excellent	Yes	800 00			
90	Manito	Collingwood	150	6	2	13	11	7	2	0	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	13	30	30	15	75 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	1250 00			
96	Corinthian	Barrie	165	5	0	8	6	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	23	20	40	30 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	300 00			
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	85	18	1	13	8	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	25	55	00	5	30 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Very good	Yes	1500 00		
137	Orillia	Orillia	122	13	0	15	15	18	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	26	20	40	395	30	June 21, '03	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00		
220	Kerr	Barrie	99	0	2	6	6	6	0	1	3	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	24	60	00	26	161	75	June 26, '02	Good	Good	Yes	1250 00	
244	Beaver	Clarksburg	64	6	1	5	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	18	20	00	2	12	00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	43	10	12	5	3	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	10	5	00	0	0	00	Jan., 1903	Good	Good	Yes	15 00	
249	Caledonian	Midland	110	17	0	17	12	13	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	21	25	30	00	17	150	00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
266	Nor. Light	Stayner	20	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	10	00	0	0	00	June 11, '02	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes	
285	Seven Star	Alliston	58	14	4	14	12	9	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	8	21	18	50	1	0	00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
304	Minerva	Stroud	29	4	0	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	13	9	00	0	0	00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
322	North Star	Owen Sound	120	28	0	25	22	14	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	26	31	50	30	162	00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Very good	Yes	600 00	
333	Pr. Arthur	Flesherton	51	6	4	5	6	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	13	10	00	10	89	2	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	150 00	
348	Georgian	Penetanguishie	40	2	4	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	14	34	00	0	0	00	Feb. 21, '03	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
377	Lorne	Shelburne	69	7	0	8	6	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	17	21	12	0	0	00	Jan. 3, '03	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
385	Spy	Beeton	58	8	1	8	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	20	21	10	00	4	75	Dec. 28, '02	A 1	Excellent	Yes	400 00	
444	Nyelis	Creemore	37	5	0	6	6	4	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	13	15	5	00	0	0	00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
449	Dundas k	Dundas k	22	5	2	5	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	12	00	0	35	50	.....	Fair	Good	Yes	250 00

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the following report of the condition of Masonry in the Niagara District.

Soon after my appointment to the honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master of the historic District of Niagara, I notified each lodge of my appointment and requested their Secretaries to address a copy of the summons of each meeting to me. Most of the Secretaries have been very prompt in this matter, but four or five required a second communication before I received a copy of their summonses. I think it is most important that notices should be sent regularly to the D.D.G.M., as this is one of the means he has of determining the condition of Masonry in his District.

At the outset I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to our Grand Master for his kindness in so promptly replying to all my communications, and for the loyal and enthusiastic support he has given me. He has visited the District three times during the year, and his encouragement, instruction, and above all, his Masonic enthusiasm, have been of great value to the District.

On the occasions of my official visits I have dwelt upon the importance of making proper provision for the preservation of the lodge records. I have found that many of the lodges have at different times suffered by fire. At least one-half of the lodges in the District have not their records intact, and this is a condition of affairs much to be regretted. The history of Masonry will in future ages be a potent factor in the history of the development of our country, and the importance of the preservation of the lodge records will be of great interest to the com-

munity in which the lodge is situated. I have also advocated the inauguration of Past Masters' nights, the necessity of all candidates for advancement learning their obligations, and the restoration of Masons who are in arrears and are unable to pay their dues.

DUES.

Acting on the suggestion of my immediate predecessor, the Masters and Secretaries of the lodges have been making an effort to reduce the amount of arrears. In this they have met with some measure of success, but there are still a number of lodges whose arrears of dues are altogether too large.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted the following dispensations: December 21st, 1902, Union, No. 7, to attend divine service; June 21st, 1903, Copestone, No. 373, to attend divine service; June 28th, 1903, Clifton, No. 254, to attend divine service; June 28th, 1903, St. Mark's, No. 105, to attend divine service.

BY-LAWS.

I have forwarded to the Grand Master the laws of Copestone Lodge, No. 373, and also Merritt Lodge, No. 168, for his approbation.

EXPENSES AND REGALIA.

All the lodges in the District have contributed towards my expenses, but three lodges have not paid their assessment towards the purchase of the D.D.G.M. regalia. Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, has very generously paid this deficiency, and I am very grateful to the brethren of this lodge for their kindness and thoughtfulness in this matter.

DEATHS.

The following deaths have been reported to me: W. Bro. Laughlin McCallum, Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville; W. Bro. Geo. Woods, Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie; W. Bro. John Graham, Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie; W. Bro. R. Patterson, Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie; W. Bro. John N. Ful-

mer, Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg; V. W. Bro. Joseph Edward Beeton, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines; Bro. S. Paton, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A Lodge of Instruction was held on the afternoon and evening of April 9th in Dunnville, under the auspices of Amity Lodge, No. 32. The southern part of the District was well represented, and the presence of our Grand Master added very materially to the profit and pleasure of the occasion. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Harrison, W.M., and the officers of Union Lodge, Grimsby, in a manner which merited the approval of all the brethren present. The exemplification of the second degree by W. Bro. Parsons, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis, was also worthy of emulation. In the evening, after a flattering address of welcome to M. W. Bro. Harding was read and presented, R. W. Bro. Amsden, assisted by other Past Masters and officers of Amity Lodge, exemplified the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The work was equal to the high standard set by the other lodges in the afternoon. R. W. Bro. Tipton then exemplified the examination of a visitor in open lodge. This proved to be an interesting and instructive portion of the program. The Lodge of Instruction was pleasurable on account of the social intercourse, and profitable from the amount of information and instruction imparted, and it is to be hoped that the meeting at Dunnville will be the forerunner of an annual function of a similar character in other parts of the District.

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The general condition of Masonry in the District is strong and vigorous. The feature that has appealed to me most forcibly in my peregrinations through the District is the intelligence and ability of the class of men who are seeking admission to our fraternity. They consist chiefly of the brightest and best young men of the community. This augurs well for the future, if only the newly initiated will live up to the principles which Masonry inculcates, and strive to emulate what they consider elements of success in the characters of those who have

preceded them. I regret that I am unable to report that perfect harmony exists throughout the District. The one exception is in the town of Welland. The lack of harmony between Copestone and Merritt lodges, which has existed for some time, has broken out afresh during the past year, and has resulted in the removal of Copestone lodge to separate rooms. I am unable to lay the onus of the difficulty on either lodge. Probably both are to blame. If the members of both lodges would lay aside their petty jealousies and private disputes it would be more in accordance with the teachings of Masonry. The injury done to our fraternity by private pique is inestimable, and the tendency of such is to lower the dignity of the Craft. I believe that the interests of Masonry in the town of Welland would be best served by an amalgamation of these two lodges.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have visited each lodge in the District once. The following is a summary:

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niâgara-on-the-Lake: On January 2nd I visited the cradle of Masonry in Canada, Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake. The impression I gained from my visit to this lodge was that there was a lack of enthusiasm in Masonic circles in this old town. It was after 9 o'clock before the lodge was opened. The dues were in a deplorable condition, and the work was done in a very careless and indifferent manner. The first degree was conferred on a bright young candidate, and an innovation was introduced which was so embarrassing to him that I could not refrain from mildly censuring the lodge for its occurrence, and suggesting that it be not repeated. The redeeming feature of the work was the delivery of the Junior Warden's lecture by Bro. St. John. W. Bro. Knox, the W. M., is a good Mason, and a man highly respected in the community. I am pleased to be able to report that during the past six months there has been a wonderful revival in Masonry in this lodge. Many new members have been initiated, and W. Bro. Knox informs me that they are the best young men in the community. So much work has been done that it was found necessary to call emergent meetings in order to keep pace with the work. In February a very

successful At Home was held. This lodge mourns the death of V. W. Bro. John Clement, one of the best Masons in the District.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby: I visited this lodge officially on the evening of March 12th. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from neighboring lodges. Union lodge officers are capable of doing the work in an excellent manner, and the lodge has had a most successful year under the guidance of W. Bro. C. W. Harrison. Some of the brightest young men in the community have been admitted, and the prospects of the lodge are excellent. During the year the lodge has been artistically decorated and an electric light system has been installed. The attendance at the regular meetings is excellent. The financial standing of the lodge has improved, the dues are fairly well paid, and a spirit of enthusiasm is noticeable which augurs well for the future. I installed the new officers of this lodge on June 24th.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines: I visited this lodge on the evening of March 10th. The first and second degrees were exemplified by W. Bro. Dean, assisted by W. Bro. Maclaren. The work was very well done and the candidates were especially bright and attentive. The lodge has made good progress during the year, as ten candidates have been initiated. The work of the Wardens and junior officers was excellent. The financial standing of the lodge is splendid, a large sum being in the treasury. This probably accounts for the large total of arrearages, St. George's being the banner lodge of the district in this respect.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville: Visited January 6th. This is one of the best lodges in the District. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the second degree, which was rendered very impressively by R. W. Bro. S. Amsden. The junior officers are all well skilled in their work. The attendance at the regular meetings is good, but the lodge has too much dues outstanding. I am deeply grateful to this lodge for the loyal support given me in our Lodge of Instruction held in Dunnville on April 9th. W. Bros. Schofield, Clark, Amsden, Eccles, Parry and Lipton were indefatigable in their efforts to make it a success. Amity lodge has added to its membership this year some of the brightest young men of the community.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: I visited this lodge on April 16th. The attendance was small owing to the bad condition of the roads and to social functions held in the town on the same evening. On looking over the register I found that the attendance at previous meetings during the year had also been very poor. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Sheppard almost faultlessly. I have no hesitation in saying that St. John's lodge has the best furniture and appointments of any lodge in the district. I have to thank R. W. Bro. Hoshal for his kind attention on the occasion of my official visit.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines: On November 27th I paid my official visit. On this occasion we were honored by the presence of M. W. Bro. Harding, G. M.; M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, D. G. M. The attendance was very large, and the spacious lodge room of the St. Catharines brethren was taxed to its utmost capacity. W. Bro. Thompson, assisted by several Past Masters, exemplified the first degree in an excellent manner. He is a dignified and successful officer, and the lodge has made good progress under his direction. Inspiring addresses were delivered by the distinguished brethren at the banquet held at the Grand Central hotel. The only defect in one of the most successful Masonic functions of the year was the lateness of the hour when the Junior Warden's toast was proposed.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Nigaara Falls South: Visited this lodge May 5th at the regular meeting. The lodge room is one of the best in the District. This lodge has made great progress during the year. On the occasion of my visit four candidates were accepted, three were initiated and six applications were received. W. Bro. Murray, the W. M., is a young man of energy and enthusiasm. He does his work well, and is ably supported by his officers and the Past Masters of the lodge. W. Bro. Sloggett, the Secretary, is a most enthusiastic Mason, and has stood by the lodge in times of adversity. A very successful Past Masters' night was held in April. This lodge has not been unmindful of its duties to the widow of a deceased brother, and has contributed liberally to her support.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville: Visited on January

13th. I was accompanied by a number of the brethren from Grimsby. There was a large attendance of members. W. Bro. Prudhomme, assisted by W. Bro. Myer, conferred the second degree in a faultless manner. This lodge is strong numerically, and is increasing its membership. The lodge room is commodious and well furnished. The dues are fairly well paid. I was pleased to meet one of my predecessors in office, R. W. Bro. Simpson, on the occasion of my visit. In the exemplification of the fourth degree the members of Ivy lodge are second to none in the District.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland: On November 17th I visited this lodge. The weather was unfavorable, but the attendance was good. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Hill very acceptably. He was able to give the charge from the Book of Constitution orally, a very commendable achievement. This lodge is making good progress. The class of applicants appears to be of a high order. I had the pleasure of meeting on this occasion one of my predecessors in office, R. W. Bro. Crowe.

Macnab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne: I visited this lodge on October 14th, 1902. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the third degree. W. Bro. McCracken is a painstaking Master, and received on this occasion very fair support. Innovations are introduced in this lodge in the third degree which are not customary in lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The dues are well paid, and the books are well kept by Bro. Cook. There is a good sum in the treasury, and I recommend that a portion of this be taken to procure suitable chairs for the principal officers.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York: Paid my official visit to this lodge on April 15th. After a drive, characterized chiefly by mud, I found the brethren waiting to receive me. The attendance was very good, considering the condition of the roads. There was no work on hand, so I requested the W. M., W. Bro. Brown, to open and close in the three degrees. It was very well done. This lodge has scarcely recovered from the losses sustained by fire a few years ago. Their new lodge room is as yet poorly furnished, and as they have a comfortable balance in the treasury I advised the purchase of suitable chairs for the principal officers. W. Bro. Scudamore is an efficient Secretary.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold: Visited this lodge on Wednesday, October 14th. The attendance was excellent, and the lodge room is one of the most specious in the District. There was no work on the summons, but at my suggestion the second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. McGill, assisted by W. Bro. Munro. The work was fairly well conducted. Bro. Fish, the Secretary, is a most capable officer, notwithstanding his four score years. The dues are fairly well paid. W. Bro. W. F. Bald, who was installed Master of this lodge in December, is a man of character and ability, and there is no doubt but that the lodge will maintain its high standing under his direction.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls: On February 10th I visited this lodge, the occasion of the dedication of their comfortable and commodious lodge room. There was a very large attendance of brethren from the District, from Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Buffalo. The ceremony of dedication was performed by M. W. Bro. Harding, Grand Master. Inspiring addresses were delivered by our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Gibson and others. Great credit is due the committee in charge of this Masonic function for their untiring efforts in making it a success. R. W. Bro. Bartle, W. Bros. Gribble, Lyon and Baker may be particularly mentioned in this connection. Clifton lodge has had a most successful year, and now that Niagara Falls has reached the dignity of a city we need not be surprised if one of my successors in office in the near future is able to designate it the banner lodge of the District. The increase for the year is 17.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie: Visited this lodge officially April 8th. The work of the evening was the first degree, which was only fairly rendered. This lodge makes a specialty of the preparation of candidates for advancement. The dues are fairly well paid, and the lodge is making progress numerically. The lodge room is small and poorly furnished. This lodge mourns the death of four members during the year, two of the Past Masters having lost their lives on the ill-fated vessel, the Bannockburn, which was wrecked on Lake Superior last autumn.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines: I paid my official visit to this lodge on March 25th, by request of the W. M. I was much pleased with the manner in which

the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Evans and his efficient staff of officers. This lodge has some strong supporters and good Masons amongst its Past Masters. Bro. Beaton is an efficient Secretary, and he deserves credit for the energy he is displaying in collecting the arrearages of dues. The lodge room of the St. Catharines brethren is not furnished in harmony with the status of city lodges, nor with the character of the work accomplished by the different sets of officers. This criticism applies to the three lodges of the city, and I hope that my successor in office will be able to report that their commodious lodge room has been furnished in keeping with the dignity of city lodges.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville: I had some difficulty in arranging a visit to this lodge, but eventually did so on May 22nd. This lodge has been unfortunate in losing a number of members by removal, among others Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, Senior Warden. There is a lack of Masonic zeal and enthusiasm noticeable, the lodge room is poorly furnished, and the attendance at the regular meetings is small. In looking over the register I find that some of the officers' names are conspicuous by their absence. Although there were candidates ready for advancement there was no work on the summons for the evening of my visit. In fact, I did not receive a copy of the summons calling the meeting. Several new members have been added during the year, and with a little more zeal on the part of the principal officers Hiram lodge might take a high rank amongst the lodges of the District. The Junior Warden is a capable officer, and I predict better reports from the lodge in the future.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis: I visited this lodge on Good Friday, April 10th. There was a splendid attendance of members and visitors. R. W. Bro. Freed, W. Bros. Clarke, Griffith, Evel and Bro. Cameron, of Hamilton, were present. The third degree was conferred very impressively by R. W. Bro. Freed. The lodge has made some valuable additions to its membership during the year. The lodge room is well furnished, and there is an appearance of substantiality about the Masonic home of the Jarvis Masons which inspires a stranger on his first visit amongst them. The dues are well paid, and the financial standing of the lodge is good. Bro. Hill, the

efficient and versatile Secretary, has filled his present office almost continuously since the inception of the lodge.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson: I visited the lodge March 17th. This lodge is numerically one of the smallest in the District, but is not lacking in enthusiasm. At the request of the W. M., W. Bro. Bell, I raised a candidate to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The members seemed to take a keen interest in the remarks I made after the work of the evening was completed. The dues are well paid up and the financial condition of the lodge is healthy. I suggested some improvements in their furniture and appointments. The lodge has added three new members during the year. My visit to the lodge was a pleasant one, my reception was most cordial and flattering, but the members have a polite way of overworking a D. D. G. M. if he has any ability as an entertainer.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport: My last official visit was paid to this lodge on June 9th. I was accompanied by W. Bro. De la Rosa, of Union Lodge, Grimsby. It was after 9 o'clock before the lodge was called to order, but there was a good attendance. The business of the evening was the election of officers. The principal officers elected are all young men, and I think that under their guidance the lodge will continue to grow. This lodge is about to move into more comfortable quarters, having purchased a building and lot for this purpose. After having done this the Treasurer reports a good balance in the treasury. The lodge has added eight new members during the year, and with an able staff of officers, supported by several enthusiastic Past Masters, the prospects of the lodge are certainly very bright.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg: My first official visit was paid to this lodge on August 17th, 1902, and I met with a cordial reception. In spite of the warmth of the weather about twenty members were present. About thirty members of the Occidental Lodge, of Buffalo, were present, and the most cordial relations exist between these two lodges, which lie on either side of the mighty Niagara. the work of the evening was the exemplification of the third degree. W. Bro. Mencke's work is characterized by accuracy and good enunciation. He is ably supported by his Wardens. The Deacons were not present, but

their places were ably filled by R. W. Bro. Hurrell and V. W. Bro. Wilbee. W. Bro. Watts is a most efficient Secretary, and he informed me that only one brother was more than twelve months in arrears. The lodge room and appointments are not in keeping with the standing of the lodge nor with the character of the officers' work. At the banquet held in the adjoining room after the close of the lodge, an olive wood gavel from the Mount of Olives was presented to the W. M. by W. Bro. Hill, of Occidental lodge.

Copetstone Lodge, No. 373, Welland: I visited this lodge on March 5th. There was a large attendance. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the first degree. The work of W. Bro. Robins and his officers was very good. The Secretary, Bro. Main, deserves credit for being able to report no brethren in arrears. He is very painstaking and attentive to his work. This lodge has recently moved into new quarters, which have been well furnished. Eleven new members have been added during the year. We had the pleasure of listening to inspiring addresses from R. W. Bro. Wilson and W. Bro. Dr. Johnson.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren throughout the District for electing me to the honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master, and for the uniform courtesy and attention I have received from them on my official visits.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. DROPE, D.D.G.M.,
Niagara District, No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,
Table Showing the work done in Niagara District No. 10, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship		Degree's Confrd.			Suspend-ions, other causes.	Meet-ings held.	Average attendance of	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.											
2	Niagara ...	Niagara-on-Lake	49	11	9	11	8	4	2	13	\$20 00	16	N Given	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	\$1600 00
5	Union	Grimsby	67	7	9	5	8	14	3	17	30 00	19	N Given	Dec. 31, '02.	F. Good	Good	Yes	500 00
17	St. George	St. Catharines.	107	9	10	7	3	0	2	19	25 00	19	N Given	June 24, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
32	Amity	Dunnville	93	11	6	5	7	1	1	25	25 00	36	199 05	June 24, '03.	Fair	Good	Yes	100 00
35	St. John's	Cayuga	72	4	11	3	5	0	4	17	15 00	32	74 00	Dec. 27, '02.	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
32	St. John's	Cayuga	72	4	11	3	5	0	4	17	15 00	32	74 00	Dec. 27, '02.	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
403	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines.	131	18	19	13	12	2	1	9	20 00	16	200 00	June 24, '03.	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
105	St. Mark	Niagara F. S. th	79	10	9	6	3	0	1	24	28 00	18	183 80	Jan'y 1, '03.	Good	Good	Yes	850 09
115	Ivy	Beamsville	81	9	1	8	1	0	2	13	25 00	18	92 75	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
168	Merritt	Welland	77	8	6	5	6	2	0	4	25 00	29	106 90	Dec. 27, '02.	V.ry good	Good	Yes	300 00
169	Macnab	Port Colborne.	60	3	6	5	6	0	0	11	516 10	3	7 50	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	F. Good	Yes	400 00
185	Emistill'n	York	29	4	2	2	2	2	0	13	114 12	2	7 00	Dec. 27, '02.	F. Good	F. Good	Yes	200 00
221	Mountain	Thorold	76	8	5	5	5	0	1	14	26 25	14	123 00	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls.	110	17	5	8	3	1	0	16	20 28	8	47 50	June 19, '02.	Rooming	Rooming	Yes	550 00
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	35	9	6	8	7	1	2	8	20 16	6	24 50	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
296	Temple	St. Catharines.	59	4	1	1	0	1	0	2	14 15	13	142 00	June 26, '03.	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00
319	Hiram	Hagersville	47	5	2	5	3	2	0	10	19 43	11	47 00	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	520 00
327	King Sol'm	Port Robinson.	30	3	4	3	3	1	1	7	512 12	11	N. Given	June 24, '03.	Fair	Fair	Yes	N Given
339	Myrtle	Wellandport	39	8	7	7	5	1	1	4	15 13	23	115 00	June 24, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
348	Dufferin	Wellandport	39	8	7	7	5	1	1	4	15 13	23	115 00	June 24, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
472	Fabner	Bridgeburg	67	3	3	4	0	0	0	1	26 19	25	25 00	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
472	Copstone	Welland	58	11	10	6	1	1	1	6	19 16	7	7 00	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	350 00

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO. 11A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto East District, No. 11A.

The condition of the District is most satisfactory. The membership of the lodges has greatly increased. There are twenty lodges in the District, nine being situated in the city of Toronto and eleven outside. In all these lodges but two there has been an increase in membership during the year, in some cases a very large increase. One lodge outside of Toronto has been stationary, although it has taken in some new members, and another lodge in Toronto has decreased to a small extent during the year, but it was already a very large lodge, and the decrease was owing to accidental causes, the number of candidates taken in having been considerable. It is very gratifying to be able to say that in all other respects, as well as in that of membership, the progress made by this District has been most encouraging and gratifying. The work of the lodges has been extremely well done. A very good Masonic spirit prevails everywhere. The financial conditions are excellent, and the prospects of all the lodges for the future are even better than they have been in previous years.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS.

The chief occurrences of interest during the year have been:

1. The presentation to R. W. Bro. John Watson, P.D. D.G.M., of a magnificent set of regalia by the brethren of the District in recognition of his services during the previous year. This event took place at the November meeting of Stevenson Lodge. I regret that I was not

able to be present owing to a visit on that evening to a lodge outside of Toronto, which had been arranged a long time before.

2. The installation in the blue room of the Masonic Hall in the Temple Building, Toronto, of a large new organ. This was an important event in Toronto. Music has become so essentially a feature of the work of the lodges in Toronto that it was felt necessary to have a proper organ for the purpose of making the musical part of the ritual worthy and acceptable.

3. The many visits paid by the M. W. Grand Master to the lodges in the District during the year. The G. M. visited nearly all the lodges in the city and some others in the District. He was everywhere received with expressions of loyalty, and one may well believe that the increased interest in Masonry during the year has been in part, at least, due to the inspiration given by the visits of M.W. Bro. Harding, whose presence in the lodges, and interesting and instructive addresses were on all sides admitted to be of the greatest value.

4. The unfortunate destruction by fire of the building in which the members of Acacia lodge met in East Toronto. This occurred in the month of December last. The installation of the officers for the year was held in Orient Lodge, by the kindness of the brethren of that lodge, and Acacia lodge has since been meeting, under very disadvantageous circumstances, in what is called the Society Hall in East Toronto. The loss in furniture and other necessary equipments of the lodge was fairly covered by insurance. The brethren of Acacia met their loss in a proper spirit, and it is gratifying to be able to report that the progress of the lodge has been in no way impeded by the loss of their meeting place. It is hoped that they will be able to secure good quarters for their lodge in some suitable building in East Toronto, but at present nothing has been accomplished in that direction, although negotiations have been going on for some time.

5. The annual church service on the Sunday after St. John the Baptist's Day, in St. James Cathedral, Toronto, at which the brethren of this District and Toronto West District attended in large numbers. The service was a very impressive one, and the sermon preached by the Rev. Bro. F. C. C. Heathcote, was a truly Masonic one and very inspiring to the brethren.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Although the Grand Master recommended the District Deputy Grand Masters to hold Lodges of Instruction in their respective Districts during the year, and emphasized the importance thereof, and although in an address which I issued in September last to the brethren in the District, I expressed the intention of holding one or some Lodges of Instruction during the year, with some regret I found it impossible, and indeed unnecessary to do so. This was a very unusual year in the city of Toronto. The increase in membership was so large that the brethren of nearly all the lodges were kept working very hard at their ordinary work and had a great deal of practice in the conferring of the various degrees. I was convinced by what I saw of the work and what I knew of the ability of the Past Masters, officers and members of the various lodges that instruction was not so necessary as it used to be in the past, and as, possibly, it may be still in some Districts. I found that the Past Masters of the lodges were giving in fact all the instruction that was necessary to their younger brethren, and that the lodges in Toronto and outside of Toronto were working well and in accordance with the rules laid down by Grand Lodge, and, therefore, on reflection I deemed that it was not advisable, in the best interests of the brethren in the District, to hold Lodges of Instruction during the present year.

DISTRICT SECRETARY.

W. Bro. Sydney D. Sykes, Past Master of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto, kindly consented to fill the office of District Secretary. The Craft in the District were fortunate in having the services in this capacity of a well qualified and enthusiastic Mason with special qualifications for administrative work. He attended to the duties of the office with unfailing zeal during the year, and was of the greatest assistance to me in the performance of my duties. To his regret and my own he was not able to accompany me in a great many of my official visits, but on the occasions when he was able to attend his presence was most useful to the lodges visited.

DISTRICT CHAPLAIN.

The Constitution permits of the appointment of a District Chaplain. I did not consider it necessary in this District to appoint one. The only formal occasion on which his services would be required is in the celebration of St. John the Baptist's day, and, as special arrangements are always made for that service, and it is shared in by the brethren of the other District, it did not seem of sufficient moment to warrant the appointment of a District Chaplain.

MASONIC PRINCIPLES.

In all my intercourse in the lodges and out of the lodges with the brethren of the District, I took occasion to emphasize the importance of a strict adherence to the well known principles of Masonry. I indicated to the brethren that too much attention might possibly be paid to the executive and ritualistic work of the lodges, and that there was sometimes a danger of the grand principles of Masonry being lost sight of. It was hardly necessary to point out the intimate connection between the ritualistic work and the genuine tenets of Masonry. I found that, in all cases where I had an opportunity of knowing or hearing something of the lives of the brethren of the Masonic lodges, it was apparent that the lessons taught in the lodge rooms were not without fruit, and that the brethren were bearing themselves in their intercourse with each other and with the outside world in such a way as to exemplify Masonic principles and extend the influence of the Order by evincing that they were actuated by those principles in their daily walk in life.

RULINGS AND OPINIONS.

During the year several questions arising out of difficulties presented in the working of the lodges arose, and were referred to me for a ruling or opinion. Some of these were of an interesting nature, and I, therefore, append a few selected ones, without mentioning the names of the lodges in which the points arose:

Question: In 1895 a charge of unmasonic conduct was made against a P.M. A committee found the charge sustained, and recommended that he should be reprimanded at his next appearance at lodge. The report was

adopted, but he never appeared. In 1896 he was suspended for N. P. D. and under above sentence. He now wishes to be reinstated and get his dimit. Is it necessary that he should present himself for admonition before getting his dimit?

Answer: The brother must present himself and submit to be admonished before he can be reinstated. I do not see that the lapse of time can make any difference if it be the fact, as stated, that he was suspended not only for non-payment of dues but for not attending to receive his admonition.

Question: A brother intends to move that when any of the brethren visit a lodge, the conveyance be paid for by their own lodge. Will the motion be in order?

Answer: It is not stated whether it is proposed to introduce a by-law for the purpose of making the expenses of brethren visiting the lodge payable out of the funds of the lodge. If a by-law to that effect is introduced and carried it cannot become operative until it has received the approval of the Grand Master. Therefore, I think it will be well for me not to express any opinion as to whether such a by-law would be constitutional. If, on the other hand, it is intended simply to introduce a resolution, I think that would not cover any case except that of some particular visit specified in the resolution. I think that a resolution to the effect that a sum of money be paid out of the funds of the lodge to cover the expenses of some particular specified visit would not be out of order, whatever might be thought as to the desirability of it, but a resolution laying down the principle for the future would be out of order. A by-law would be necessary.

Question: Does the W. M. have to be satisfied that the candidate is within the jurisdiction of his lodge before he can appoint a committee to inquire into his character?

Answer: Section 221 of the Constitution is as follows: A petition for initiation being presented, it shall be the duty of the Master, before entertaining the same, to be satisfied that the petitioner resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge so petitioned.

Section 254 provides that the following shall be the fees payable to Grand Lodge "for a dispensation authorizing a private lodge to receive and act upon a petition from a candidate for initiation who resides outside the jurisdiction of that lodge—\$10 payable by the candidate."

Section 215 provides that no lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another lodge unless by dispensation of the Grand Master.

Taking these three sections together, I am of opinion that the question must be answered in the affirmative. If a Master is not satisfied that the candidate is within the jurisdiction of his lodge, he cannot receive the petition formally until after he has obtained a dispensation from the Grand Master. His duty would be, in such a case, when the petition is read, to refuse to receive it, but to lay it over until a dispensation should be obtained.

Question: Can a dispensation be granted to initiate a candidate outside the jurisdiction of the lodge if the candidate has been ballotted for, or must a dispensation be had before petition is received and committee appointed?

Answer: In my opinion, the proper way is to obtain the dispensation before the formal reception of the petition. It is probable, however, that if matters have proceeded so far that the candidate has been ballotted for before it is known that a dispensation will be required, the Grand Master will grant a dispensation, which will refer back and confirm what has been done. If an actual case of the kind has arisen, application ought to be made to the Grand Master, through the Grand Secretary, for a dispensation; the application should show exactly what stage the matter has reached.

Question: Has the lodge at A jurisdiction over a candidate who boards and works at B, but whose mother and sister (he being unmarried) reside at A and are partly supported by him?

Answer: As the law now stands, the provision is as follows:

"Residence, for all purposes under this Constitution and the rules respecting Masonic trials, shall mean as follows: Of a married man, where his family resides; of an unmarried man, where he is constantly employed and is in receipt of his income, wages or salary. Provided, however, if an unmarried man is residing with his parents, or, his parents being dead, is residing with his brothers and sisters, within the jurisdiction of one lodge, and is constantly employed and is in receipt of his income, wages, or salary within the jurisdiction of another lodge, either place may be treated by him as his residence for the purpose of this and the next preceding clause."

It seems quite clear to me that under this clause a candidate who boards or works in B, and whose mother and sister reside in A, and are partly supported by him, he being unmarried, does not come within the jurisdiction of the lodge at A. The fact that he supports or partly supports his mother and sister can of itself make no difference whatever. There is some difficulty, however, with regard to the meaning of the words used in the quoted clause, "residing with." I can understand that in some cases a man who boards and works in one place may actually reside in another, that is, if the boarding and working be merely temporary, and he still keeps his home at the other place. That is not this case.

Question: Can a candidate whose application was received at a meeting held on the 25th July be initiated at a meeting to be held on the 15th August?

Answer: No. I refer to section 214 of the Constitution. I may add that section 214 is not very clearly worded, in my view, but I take the meaning of the words, "date of application" to be "date of the reception of the application by the lodge."

A difficulty which appears to me to arise is with regard to the meeting held on the 25th July. That was not the proper date of the regular meeting, but the lodge assumed to hold a regular meeting on that day. The date of the regular meeting could not be changed without a dispensation. If that was obtained the meeting was regular. If it was not obtained the meeting was only an emergent meeting at the best, and the application could not be received thereat.

NOTE.—When giving this opinion I was aware of a practice or custom which had grown up of granting or assuming to grant dispensations for the holding of regular meetings on days other than those fixed by the by-laws of the lodge. I am informed by the Grand Secretary that in future no dispensations will be issued in that behalf by the M. W. the Grand Master.

VISITS OF INSPECTION.

During the year I paid each of the twenty lodges in the District an official visit of inspection. I examined the lodge room and its contents, the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and some portion, at least, of the ritual

performed. As I have said in an earlier part of this report, I found the work of Masonry in the District being carried on thoroughly well. A great deal of credit is due to the Past Masters of the different lodges for this satisfactory state of affairs. The only difficulty which I can point to in the way of the lodges in this District doing perfect ritual work, is that in some cases the opportunity for the officers to practice and rehearse together is wanted. In what are called the "country lodges," the officers generally live a considerable distance from each other, and they do not have the same facilities for meeting and rehearsing as they do in the city of Toronto, and one or two of the larger towns. In spite of this, I found that the work in some of the so-called country lodges was quite equal to that of the city brethren. It was, however, noticeable that the country lodges which excelled were those which did have opportunities for practice. It was manifest that in the other lodges where the same opportunities did not exist, there was the same ability to do good work, and there was the same knowledge of ritual and of its details, but the general effect was not so good on account of want of practice.

Following are brief accounts of visits made during the year:

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto: This lodge was visited on the 10th March, 1093, at its regular meeting. There was a good attendance, although the weather was inclement. This is the oldest lodge in the district, and it is a pleasure to report that it is in every respect doing excellent work. The membership during the year has increased by the very large number of forty-three. W. Bro. C. W. I. Woodland, the Master of the lodge, is a very capable presiding officer, and he is assisted by an excellent staff. The first degree was worked on the occasion of my visit, and I felt justified in complimenting the lodge very highly on their performance of it. It was done with careful attention to all details, and some of the finest points of the ritual were brought out with very good effect. The candidate, Mr. Frank L. Anderson, the son of a well known brother of St. Andrew's lodge, had the advantage of the dignified and impressive ceremony, and the other brethren, among whom were officers from Ionic and Orient lodges, were also impressed and benefited by what

they saw and heard. The brethren of St. Andrew's very kindly presented me with a bound copy of the history of their lodge, the work of their historian, W. Bro. H. T. Smith. The new organ was in use for the first time, and some beautiful music was given, including a flute solo by W. Bro. J. C. Arlidge. Bro. Keachie, the musical director of the lodge, did the carving on the new organ, as a work of love on behalf of the brethren. On this occasion he was thanked by vote of the brethren, and responded from the organ loft. This meeting was a most delightful one, and it is a pleasure to note the enthusiasm of the members of the lodge and the prosperity which attends it. The books of the Secretary are in excellent order, and all the interests of the lodge are flourishing.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: I visited this lodge early in the year, on the 10th November, 1902, the officers having been installed in the previous June. There was an excellent meeting of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren from Newmarket, Aurora, Thornhill, Sharon, Maple, and other places. W. Bro. Newberry, the W. M., was absent in the Northwest Territories. W. Bro. Trench, I.P.M., presided in the lodge and did the principal part of the work, W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, the Secretary, and an old Past Master of the lodge, presiding at the refreshment board and making a capital speech. R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf accompanied me from Toronto, and R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, Newmarket, was also present. I found the assistance of these two distinguished brethren of very great advantage to me in my visit. We had a pleasant discussion, in which they joined, upon some points with regard to the ritual which came up, and it was felt by all that the meeting was a pleasant and profitable one. There was no candidate, owing to an unavoidable accident, but, as it had been intimated that the first degree would be presented, the officers of the lodge went through a portion of the work of that degree, and opened and closed in all three degrees, performing the work to my satisfaction. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are in good order and well kept. The lodge is a prosperous one. There is a beautiful lodge room, nearly paid for, with a hall downstairs, in which a banquet was held after the work in the lodge. I was told that this was the first time that the customary banquet had

been held there. It was a great success. Although a good many of the visitors came from a distance and had to drive home, they remained till a late hour, and all the speeches made were of an inspiring nature, calculated to advance the interests of Masonry. V. W. Bro. Newton, G.S., a member of this lodge, was presented with a suit of Masonic clothing, appropriate to his rank, by the brethren of the lodge, a compliment which he acknowledged in a graceful speech.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: During the year I visited this lodge very frequently, as I have the honor to be a member of it. At the regular meeting in October I paid my first visit as D.D.G.M., and was most kindly received and honored by the brethren. On the 3rd March, 1903, I paid my official visit of inspection and found that everything was in good working order. Ionic lodge has not added very largely to its membership roll in recent years, but there has been steady progress and the very best feeling prevails among all the members. W. Bro. C. R. W. Postlethwaite, master of the lodge, assisted by his officers, worked the third degree with the accompaniment of music, the new organ being used, and the choir being in the gallery. The Wardens of the lodge are Bros. R. R. Lockhart and K. J. Dunstan. They and all the officers of the lodge are zealous and competent. The work was very well done indeed. It is not often that a Master who has only been two months in the chair attempts the whole work of the third degree at a regular meeting, but W. Bro. Postlethwaite justified his ambition by a scholarly and accurate rendering of this beautiful degree. There were a few visitors at this meeting, and it was admitted by all to have been a pleasant and profitable one. The veteran Treasurer, R. W. Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite, is a tower of strength to Ionic, and the present Secretary, Bro. George H. D. Lee is an excellent executive officer.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto: This is one of the lodges which holds its installation in June, and, therefore, I was able to visit it early in the year, at the November meeting. W. Bro. J. H. McKinnon, W.M. of the lodge, was in the chair. He is an earnest Mason and a competent exponent of the ritual. The lodge is in excellent working order, the books of the Secretary and Treasurer are well kept, and the best of feeling and the greatest har-

mony prevails. The music in the lodge room and upstairs in the refreshment room was particularly good, having a distinctive character of its own. In this lodge many of the members are Scotchmen, or of Scottish descent. Mr. Albert Young and Mr. James M. Sinclair were the candidates for the first degree, and proved to be very good candidates and promising Masons. The degree was very well worked by all the officers; the Junior Warden in particular, Bro. Hart, was remarkable for his excellent rendering of the lecture. R. W. Bro. N. L. Steiner was present at the latter part of this meeting, having earlier in the evening attended a great political demonstration. It is with great regret that all Masons in Toronto and throughout the jurisdiction have heard since the death of Bro. Steiner, who was a worthy and popular Mason and an old and steadfast member of St. John's lodge. This lodge has shared in the large increase of membership which has attended the District generally, and is in every respect a flourishing institution. I have alluded to the number of Scotchmen who are connected with this lodge. Later in the year, a special meeting, "a Scotch night," was held, and, I understood, passed off most successfully. I was not able to be present on account of a visit fixed for the same night to a lodge outside of Toronto. The enterprise of this lodge and others in holding reunions of this kind, which are an attraction to the members, is much to be commended.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, Markham: I visited this lodge on the 8th May, 1903, and found there a good attendance of members and visitors. The lodge room is comfortable, well furnished, and thoroughly Masonic in appearance. The membership is about forty only, but the lodge is increasing, and a very good Masonic spirit prevails. It is a comparatively old lodge, having been founded in 1855. Two candidates were initiated and the work was done fairly well. W. Bro. J. B. Gould, the W. M., is enjoying a second term of office, and possesses the confidence of his brethren. He and other Past Masters of the lodge are expert in the ritual, but the officers generally were not quite as accurate in their rendering of the work as is desirable. They have suffered from the cause mentioned above—want of opportunity to practice together. In spite of this manifest disadvantage, their work

was substantially good, and I found everything else in the lodge quite satisfactory.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon: By the kindness of the brethren of Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket, I was driven over from that town to Sharon Lodge on the evening of the 5th May, 1903, and made a very satisfactory visit of inspection. The lodge room is small, but very comfortable and suitably furnished. W. Bro. Powers, W. M., was in the chair, and besides the visitors from Newmarket there was one from Genesee Lodge, Rochester, N. Y., Bro. Schmidt. The custom obtains in Sharon lodge of making honorary members of brethren who have been paying dues for twenty years, and on the evening of my visit W. Bro. Kitley was ballotted for and accepted as an honorary member. This is an excellent custom, which I have not met with elsewhere. The membership of this lodge is remarkably good, being over sixty, and the lodge is in a prosperous condition. The third degree was worked impressively and with substantial accuracy by the W. M. and officers. Bro. George Fierheler was the candidate, and answered all the questions put to him and repeated his obligation in the second degree without any mistake. It is quite evident that the work of this lodge is carefully attended to by the Master and Past Masters, as well as the officers. I found the books of the Secretary and Treasurer in excellent order. R. W. Bro. Brunton, of Newmarket, accompanied me again on this visit, and I found him as before to be of the very greatest assistance in making it a successful one.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket: I returned to Newmarket on the 13th May to make an inspection of this lodge. I found the lodge room and ante-rooms to be exceptionally neat, clean, and well appointed. Many visitors were present from the neighboring lodges. W. Bro. Anderson, the W. M. of the lodge, was in the chair. The first degree was worked, Mr. Gamble, a very bright young man, being the candidate. The work was all excellent, and this lodge is quite as good, from a ritualistic standpoint, as any lodge that I have visited. The Junior Warden's lecture was given very accurately and with more than usual impressiveness by Bro. Choppin, Junior Warden. I found the lodge in a prosperous condition, the membership has increased, and the prospects are excellent.

The entertainment at the refreshment board was particularly good. The speeches by R. W. Bro. Brunton and a Reverend brother from Schomberg lodge were far beyond the average of speeches made on similar occasions.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: The evening selected for a visit to this lodge was that of 5th December, 1902. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Sykes, District Secretary, and again had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Brunton, from Newmarket, who was accompanied by other members of Tuscan lodge. The lodge room at Aurora is unique, and in its present form and furnishings thoroughly Masonic. The lodge room is lighted with electricity; this feature is not usual outside of Toronto. I was most cordially received by W. Bro. Fred. Baldwin, the W. M., being introduced by W. Bro. McCloskey and W. Bro. Radcliffe. Although this lodge is doing very well in the way of work this year, and has increased its membership, it chanced that no candidate presented himself on the occasion of my visit. At my request the W. M. and officers exemplified the first degree and opened and closed the lodge in the second and third degrees. The work of all the officers was letter perfect, and most of them showed considerable ability in their manner of delivering it. I found the books of the lodge in good order and every indication of prosperity. The attendance of the members of the lodge was not very large, but the meeting was made interesting by the presence of a number of visitors from the neighborhood, and the result was that a very pleasant as well as profitable evening was spent.

Richardson Lodge, No. 126, Stouffville: I visited this lodge on the 15th May, 1903. It was in fair financial circumstances, but has suffered as others have and even in a greater degree by the moving away from Stouffville and its neighborhood of a good many of the younger members of the lodge. In this regard the lodge has been especially unfortunate and every allowance ought to be made for it. On the occasion of my visit the W. M., W. Bro. J. D. Forsyth, was in the chair, and the Rev. Bro. A. J. Brace, Senior Warden, was in the West, but the other officers of the lodge were all absent, with the exception of the Tyler, from the cause I have mentioned. However, the Past Masters of the lodge filled the chairs, and,

although there was no candidate by reason of a disappointment, the work of the first degree was exemplified, and also the openings and closings in the other degrees. W. Bro. Shankel, Secretary of the lodge, and Past Master, has his books in very good order, and is a very active Mason, as are many of the other Past Masters. The work of this lodge I had not really an opportunity of seeing, as the proper officers were not in their places, with the exceptions I have mentioned. The W. M. is a capable ritualist himself, and under other circumstances would probably take high rank in that respect. I have very great hopes that this lodge will make a better showing next year. It has a fair membership and some very enthusiastic members. Since I visited it, the Senior Warden, Bro. Brace, has been installed in the chair, and I believe that the staff of officers who are to work with him in the coming year will be able to give more attention to Masonry, and especially in practising the ritual than has recently been within the power of this lodge. I was glad to observe that a good Masonic feeling prevailed, and I never visited a lodge where there was a more successful fourth degree than at this lodge. There were many visitors from the neighboring lodges, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: This lodge is in a very flourishing condition, and has added largely to its membership during the past year. I visited it on the 9th March, 1903. W. Bro. Joseph Leake was in the chair. I was introduced by my predecessor, R. W. Bro. John Watson and W. Bro. Wm. J. Wilson, and received a very hearty welcome. A son of the W. M., Mr. Chas. Leake, was initiated, and there were four other candidates for initiation, which was a pleasing indication of the extent of the work done in this lodge. The membership at the end of 1902 was 210; it has now increased to 229. This lodge is also in a flourishing condition financially, having a surplus of about \$3,000 on hand. With regard to the ritual work of the lodge, it may be said that the officers showed capability, but the necessity for hurry on the evening of my visit somewhat marred the effect of the work. The W. M. is a capital ritualist, and has his lodge under good control. This lodge has an excellent choir, and it is particularly gratifying to see the interest taken by the large

number of members present who are not actively concerned in the work, in all the details of it. The books are in excellent order. W. Bro. Geo. Wilson, P. M., the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge, is the right man for the place.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: This is one of the best lodges in the District in every respect. I visited it on the 6th April, 1903, and was very cordially received and introduced by one of my predecessors in office, R. W. Bro. Harvey J. Gould. There were a number of visitors present from neighboring lodges, and W. Bro. J. A. Cherry, of Patterson Lodge, Thornhill, accompanied me from Toronto. The lodge room is a good one, and is most appropriately furnished and decorated with valuable oil paintings. W. Bro. John Barker, W. M., is a young Mason and a very bright and enthusiastic one. The first degree was exemplified by himself and his officers with great precision and most impressively. The charge from the Book of Constitution was delivered by V. W. Bro. Nutting with excellent effect. The financial standing of the lodge is good, and the membership, about 80, is large in comparison with other lodges similarly situated. This lodge owes a great deal to its Past Masters, who are in the habit of giving instruction to the officers. The effect of careful drilling and attention to detail was apparent.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: I visited this lodge on 10th June, 1903, being accompanied from Toronto by the W. M., W. Bro. James Douglas, and also by V. W. Bro. Parsell, W. Bro. J. A. Cherry, W. Bro. Duff, W. M. of Wilson Lodge, Toronto; W. Bro. J. B. Gould, W. M. of Markham Union Lodge, and W. Bro. Cashmore, of St. John's Lodge, Toronto. There were also brethren present from other lodges in the neighborhood, and a fair representation of the members of Brougham Union Lodge. The lodge room is rather small, and there is a poor ante-room. The lodge is in fair financial circumstances, and it may be hoped that they will before long secure better quarters. The Master and the Senior Warden, Bro. R. E. Forsyth, and many others of the brethren are enthusiastic Masons. It would appear that the prosperity of the lodge would be greatly aided by better and more truly Masonic surroundings than they have at present. I found the books of the lodge in

good order, and I was informed that a good Masonic feeling prevailed. The work exemplified was the first degree, and it was very well done by the W. M. and officers. W. Bro. Douglas is an old Mason and takes a great interest in Masonic work.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: This lodge shows the most remarkable record in the whole District for the past year. On the 18th December, 1902, the officers for 1903 were installed by myself, assisted by a number of present and past Grand Lodge Officers. It was a most interesting installation from the fact that the W. M. and all the officers installed were Past Masters of Doric lodge. Doric had determined to make a radical change in its methods, and inaugurated a new era by placing R. W. Bro. H. A. Collins in the chair, and V. W. Bro. J. A. Cowan in the west, with other Past Masters in the various offices. The installation was marked by the prevalence of an excellent feeling and renewed enthusiasm among the members of the lodge, and by interesting speeches from the W. M., the officers, and the visitors. I made my official visit of inspection on 19th March, 1903, on which occasion the Grand Master was present, and W. Bro. Kilvington, Master of Albert Pike Lodge, Minneapolis, besides many Grand Lodge officers. The third degree was worked on this occasion by R. W. Bro. Collins, and the other officers, to the accompaniment of music. The work was accurately and impressively rendered. It was followed by a grand banquet in the large assembly hall in the Temple Building, at which several hundred Masons sat down. On this occasion W. Bro. Kilvington was presented by the Grand Master, on behalf of Doric lodge, with a portrait of the present King as Grand Master, and there were other presentations and events of an interesting character. The evening was a most successful one, and was only one of several especially interesting meetings held by this lodge during the year, notably an "Irish Night." The increase in membership is 66, an exceptionally large number. The total membership of the lodge is now 190. Doric lodge has triumphantly emerged from its difficulties and is an example to the other lodges, not only in the gathering in of new members, but in the excellence of work, harmony, and true Masonic feeling. This pleasing result has not been accomplished without much hard

work on the part of R. W. Bro. Collins and his able staff of Past Master officers.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: On my visit to this lodge on 7th April, 1903, I had again the pleasure of assisting in welcoming the Grand Master. The meeting was a large and a most interesting and inspiring one. The lodge has entered upon a period of prosperity and has taken in a large number of new members, but, owing to some deaths and suspensions, their total membership is somewhat smaller than last year, being now 217. They initiated eighteen candidates during the year. Orient lodge has a good deal of the character of its elder sister, Stevenson, not only its officers but all its members being enthusiastic Masons and fond of ritual work. There is an excellent choir, and on this occasion the first degree was rendered with musical accompaniments. The candidate for the degree was Mr. Adam Archibald McGregor. The work of the W. M. and officers was extremely good. The banquet hall was beautifully decorated in honor of the Grand Master, who made an extremely interesting address. R. W. Bro. E. S. Wible, of Windsor, was also present and made an inspiring speech in response to the toast of "Canada." R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, one of my predecessors in office, and a member of Orient lodge, made a capital speech in the lodge room and spoke again at the banquet table. The evening was a memorable and delightful one. I found the books of the lodge in good order and everything else as it should be.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto: I made my official visit to this lodge on 6th December, 1902. It was again the occasion of a visit from the Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, was also present. W. Bro. C. E. Levey presided as W. M., and the first degree was worked on two candidates. The work was most satisfactorily done. The choir was especially good and introduced some new features into the work. M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P. G. M., was present, and at the banquet table proposed the toast of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge. Georgina lodge is doing a great work in the western part of Toronto. I found it to be in good financial circumstances, and its books well kept. I visited this lodge again in the month of April, 1903, and gave a short address upon the work of the first

degree. Finding that the members of this lodge were much interested in questions pertaining to the proper working of the degrees, and my time being rather short on the occasion of my official visit, the W. M. kindly permitted me to attend again for the purpose of saying something to the members about some of the finer points in the ritual. On this occasion also there was a large attendance and a very pleasant evening was spent. Georgina lodge is to be congratulated upon the advance it has made in every way.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: This lodge is the farthest from the city of Toronto of any lodge in the District, and the members are perhaps not so closely in touch with the Toronto lodges as are some of the others outside the city. Notwithstanding this, I found that the work done in it was practically the same as is done in the city lodges. On the occasion of my visit the first degree was very well worked by W. Bro. Foster, the W. M., and his officers. They also opened and closed in the other degrees and performed all their work satisfactorily. W. M. Bro. Wilson, the oldest Past Master of the lodge, and a charter member, was present and assisted greatly in the success of the meeting. There was not a very large attendance, the fact being that more than half the members live outside of Cannington, and it is not so easy for them to get in regularly. This is one of the difficulties which this lodge has to encounter, but it is, notwithstanding, in a flourishing condition. On the occasion in question it was proposed to make a grant of \$5 in aid of the Sick Children's Hospital, of Toronto. The suggestion was made that the amount should be raised to \$10, and this was unanimously carried. W. Bro. Kift, P.M., is the Secretary, and his books and those of the Treasurer are in excellent order.

St. George Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: I visited this lodge three times during the year, the first being before the installation of officers in December, while W. Bro. Frank Saunders was still in the chair. I made my official visit on the 3rd April, 1903, and again visited the lodge on the 24th June, St. John the Baptist's Day, when St. George was celebrating its 25th anniversary. All these meetings were very successful. St. George is a good lodge and is making rapid progress. Their meet-

ing place, on the corner of Queen and Bathurst streets, in the city of Toronto, is a very good one in some respects. The lodge room itself is well shaped, and has a truly Masonic appearance. There is a capital banquet hall in the same building, which is used on special occasions. On my official visit W. Bro. George F. Spry, W. M., was in the chair. Three candidates were initiated. All the officers were in their places and did very good work. The W. M. is himself a good worker and a very capable presiding officer. The Junior Warden, Bro. H. A. Shoff, delivered the lecture in a most creditable manner. This lodge has a good choir and an enthusiastic body of members. The financial conditions are excellent and the books well kept.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: This lodge, in the western part of the city of Toronto, formerly Parkdale, was visited by the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master and other distinguished brethren on the 28th November, 1902. W. Bro. R. C. Griffith was in the chair. A was also present on that occasion, and can bear testimony to the loyalty and enthusiasm with which the Grand Master was received and the exceptionally agreeable character of the entertainment furnished. I visited the lodge again on the 27th March, 1903. The new W. M., W. Bro. A. B. Mitchell, was in the chair. The evening was devoted to work. There were three candidates for the first degree: William Herbert Thompson, son of a Past Master of the lodge; C. B. Labelle, a son of another member of the lodge, and Frederick S. McFarland. The work was very well done by the W. M. and officers, assisted by some of the Past Masters. I found all the affairs of the lodge in good working order. The membership is increasing and the prospects are very good.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering: The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, was kind enough to accompany me on a visit to this lodge on 7th May, 1903. W. Bro. John J. Thompson, of Toronto, was also a visitor to the lodge on the same occasion. The membership of this lodge is small, and the attendance at the meeting in question was not very good, but the lodge appears to be doing well in spite of these circumstances. W. Bro. R. E. Johnston, the W. M., presided at the meeting and worked the second degree. The candidate was well pre-

pared and the work was, on the whole, very good, though not precisely accurate. None of the essentials were omitted, and the rendering was dignified and impressive. W. Bro. George Kerr, Secretary of the lodge, has the books in good shape and attends very well to correspondence. The membership is only 36, and there is no prospect of any large increase, but the work goes steadily on. I found the visit an interesting one. The members of the lodge are excellent Masons.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto: I have already alluded to this lodge in the earlier part of my report. I visited it twice during the year after its lamentable loss by fire, and found it meeting on both occasions in the Society Hall, East Toronto. On the first occasion there was a discussion as to arrangements to be made for a new hall, and some advance was then made and proceedings taken for that purpose. I visited the lodge again on the 15th June, 1903. At that meeting it was disclosed that final arrangements had not yet been made for a new hall, and I have learned since that the negotiations have fallen through for the present. It is very unfortunate that this lodge will be compelled for some time to meet in an unsatisfactory way. Probably arrangements will be made with Orient lodge to use its rooms for a time. In spite of this disadvantageous circumstance the membership of this lodge has increased by 15 during the year. There have been 13 initiations and two restorations. The financial standing of the lodge is good, and everything except what I have mentioned is satisfactory. W. Bro. H. A. Giles, the W. M., was in the chair on the occasion of my visit. The first degree was worked, the candidate being Mr. William Herbert Gooderham. The work was very good, especially that of the W. M. and Wardens. The Senior Warden is Bro. W. Fitzpatrick, and the Junior Warden Bro. T. Brownlee. The latter gave the lecture in excellent form. The Chaplain, W. Bro. W. L. Baynes-Reed, is a useful member of the lodge, and gave part of the Master's work upon the floor. Bro. T. G. Paterson, the Secretary, has his books in excellent order, and so has W. Bro. John Richardson, Treasurer.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I beg to offer my sincere thanks to all the

brethren of the District, and especially my predecessors in office, for their kind assistance during the year.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

EDWARD B. BROWN, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto East District, No. 11A.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, NO. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto West District, No. 11, during the past year. In so doing I likewise extend my thanks to the brethren of the District for their expression of confidence in me in electing me to the important position of D. D. G. M. After appointing W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, a P. M. of Occident lodge, to be my Secretary in the District, I caused a circular to be sent to each lodge in the District notifying them of my appointment, and thereafter notified them in ample time of the date of my official visit, which doubtless accounts, in some degree, for the good attendance which usually greeted me.

I have visited most of the lodges more than once.

I have not been called upon to issue any dispensations.

I would recommend that the time of election of officers be changed so that all the lodges elect their officers in June. The D. D. G. M. coming into office in the middle of the official year of most of the private lodges compels him to visit them during a few months at the last half of their year, crowding the work into an inconveniently short period.

Masonry flourishes throughout the District, its condition is not perfect, but we are assured that the proper spirit actuates the officers and members of all lodges, and that their aim is to a higher standard in the exemplification of the degrees, and of the grand truths represented by the symbols of our Order.

It is with sadness we view the loss of several of our brethren during the past year, but while we mourn their loss the example of their words and actions will inspire us to live as they lived, until at last we meet them in the Grand Lodge above.

I have impressed upon the lodges the necessity of looking up those brethren not in connection with any lodge and to bring them back in order to maintain the influence and prestige of our Order.

On Sunday, June 28th, the Toronto Districts held a joint church service in St. James Cathedral, where divine service was held and a very liberal sum contributed, the collection being in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children, the brethren being present in large numbers.

I have endeavored to promote accuracy and uniformity in the work, and am pleased to say that on nearly all occasions I have found the work to be well done. I have encouraged rehearsals, and above all have impressed upon lodges the importance of benevolence. Nothing of a serious or unmasonic character has been reported to me, and my work, while considerable, has been a work of pleasure and benefit.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 23: W. Bro. W. R. P. Parker, W. M. On the occasion of my official visit, March 12th, 1903, I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, who seems to be, and to have been, the W. M.'s right hand man, and I can assure the Grand Lodge that King Solomon Lodge, the oldest in my District, is, under W. Bro. Parker, one of the best in the District, if one may judge from the records since the commencement of this year. It has never been my good fortune to see a more harmonious organization, and the work of the evening, the first degree, was simply perfect, and rendered by the Master and his Wardens in a manner leaving nothing to be wished for. The dignity and manly bearing of the W. M. seems to have had an inspiring effect on the officers, and in fact all the members. The class of Past Masters, who are standing by the old lodge, are the men one would have thought to find there during trouble and after, not fair-weather Masons, but the men who are known to be Masons in all transactions of life. The finances of the lodge are now in splendid shape. The books are beautifully kept, the class of men being initiated cannot be improved on, and this speaks volumes, as the ballot was passed on ten candidates at the February meeting, ten more at the March meeting, and there are five new applications—twenty-five of the best young men in the city passing the ballot in three months is a splendid show-

ing, and one that all the lodges in the city are glad to congratulate King Solomon lodge upon. I will long remember the happy and profitable evening spent with this grand old lodge.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54: W. Bro. D. W. Couper, W. M. This lodge meets at Maple. I visited this lodge at the regular may meeting, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, D. G. M., and my Secretary, W. Bro. Duncan, and received a royal welcome. There being no candidate, I asked the W. M. to open and close in the three degrees, which he did in a very creditable manner. While the work was not perfect, W. Bro. Couper and his officers are trying to live up to the high standard required by Grand Lodge, and he is supported by a fine body of Past Masters. This is a very old lodge, and W. Bro. Richardson, a very efficient Secretary, took great pleasure in showing the old Irish dispensations and receipts from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. R. W. Bro. Allen gave the lodge a short talk, which was much appreciated, after which we adjourned to a delightful banquet, which the ladies of Maple had prepared. I found this lodge in an extremely healthy financial condition, but the close proximity to the city makes it hard to find much desirable material to bring in, as the young men seem to drift to the larger centres. The very intelligent class of men who are the mainstay of Vaughan lodge was shown very clearly by the excellent and well delivered speeches both in the lodge and at the refreshment table. In no place have I found men more earnest, and more filled with genuine love of Freemasonry. The lodge room and property is well insured and the lodge's affairs in the charge of a very capable lot of men.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto: W. Bro. Geo. H. Mitchell, W. M. I visited this lodge on the occasion of the regular meeting in May. I had the pleasure of being introduced by R. W. Bro. Richard Dinnis, P.D.D.G.M., an old and highly esteemed Masonic friend, and was cordially welcomed by the W. M. and received with Grand Honors. A candidate was then initiated in the most sincere and painstaking manner by the W. M. and an exceedingly bright and capable set of officers. The affairs of Rehoboam lodge have been administered in an especially able manner for a great many years, and I am certain that

W. Bro. Mitchell is well up to the standard of his predecessors. I had occasion to remark particularly on the work of the J. W. Never have I heard the lecture rendered more beautifully. Other than this, I would not mention any officers individually, as the degree work was little short of perfection. The harmony of Rehoboam has always been a feature which has more particularly appealed to me, as on all occasions there is a oneness of accord and the warmest feeling of friendship apparent amongst all its members. I visited this lodge with M. W. Bro. Harding earlier in my year of office, and our G. M. was pleased to approve of the lodge on that occasion, and to praise it so highly that I, as his deputy in this District, can simply say that the lodge is always as he found it.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: W. Bro. Thos. A. Duff, W. M. I installed the officers of this lodge at the regular meeting in December, and visited them officially for purposes of inspection at the regular meeting in May. R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, D.G.M., was present, together with the W. M's of nine city lodges, with a large number of visiting brethren. As a presiding officer W. Bro. Duff will be hard to surpass, and the esteem of the members of his lodge for him is evidenced by the very large meetings and the very large number of Past Masters who are with him on every occasion. A candidate was initiated in a manner most creditable to the W. M. and officers, and to the satisfaction of all present. The universal verdict of a very large meeting was that Wilson lodge was in splendid condition, and is taking in a class of candidates which will answer for its future. The respect and kind hospitality paid to the Deputy Grand Master and myself as representing the Grand Master at this meeting places Wilson lodge far in the front rank for loyalty to Grand Lodge. I am assured that their attention to the benevolent side of Masonry is equal to their ritual and hospitality. The Secretary's books showed the condition of the lodge to be A 1.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton: W. Bro. McCabe, W. M. I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on March 26th. The W. M. worked the third degree on a splendid and most promising candidate. It was evident that the lodge was not altogether in touch with sister lodges, and needed rehearsals and visitations. I recom-

mended this to the W. M., and I believe he and his officers are men who will try their best to follow my advice. The work as rendered, considering location and circumstances, was conscientious, and will improve. They have a most beautiful room, own their building, owe nothing, and have a good surplus. I was sorry that the illness of W. Bro. Levins, the Treasurer, prevented his being present, as he is reported as being a tower of strength to the lodge, but meeting him next morning was glad to find that he reports prospects good for the future.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg: I was to have visited this lodge at the regular meeting in June, but owing to the state of the weather was advised not to, having been for some time indisposed from tonsilitus. I have been in correspondence with the Secretary, W. Bro. Dr. Brereton, and am assured of the financial, numerical, and in every way healthy condition of the lodge, but no suitable material for candidates is to be had in the neighborhood. Dr. Brereton assures me that this year things look somewhat better, and that some candidates have shown a desire to come in. The lodge premises are particularly well situated, very comfortable, well furnished and well equipped, fully covered by insurance, and its affairs well managed. I am assured that the Masons of this lodge are desirous of doing, and have been doing, a good work for Masonry in Schomberg.

York Lodge, No. 156, Eglington: W. Bro. R. J. Gibson, W. M. I visited this lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting, March 20th, and found a most enthusiastic lot of Masons working together in the most harmonious manner. The W. M. exemplified the first degree, with the assistance of a fine lot of officers, in a very satisfactory manner. Although the night was of a very stormy nature, this was one of the largest meetings York lodge has had for years, about eleven Past Masters being present, most of these living in the city, it will readily be seen the interest they take in the mother lodge. Once more the matter of concurrent jurisdiction with the city lodges was brought up. This is a matter of vital importance to this lodge, and I must earnestly recommend Grand Lodge to consider it at once. As the W. M's of Ashlar and Stanley lodges were present on this occasion expressing their approval and desire to forward this

scheme, there seems to be no objection, as these are the lodges most interested. I myself heartily recommend the desire of these brethren be granted, also my willingness to supply any information on this matter. If this be granted York lodge, with its present officers, will soon equal any city lodge, and demonstrate to Grand Lodge the wisdom of its decision. As far as possible, under the present circumstances, this lodge is in first-class condition, but on account of the surrounding conditions it with difficulty is holding its own with regard to its membership.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: W. Bro. J. G. Roberts, W. M. I visited this lodge on the occasion of the regular meeting in February. Had a most cordial welcome, was received with Grand Honors by a very enthusiastic body of Masons. I was accompanied on this occasion by R. W. Bro. Allen, D. G. M., and by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P.D.D.G.M.; W. Bro. Duncan, my Secretary, and V. W. Bro. Francis, of Thornhill. R. W. Bro. McFadden met us on our arrival and drove us to his residence, where we had the delightful privilege of meeting and being entertained at dinner by his charming wife, and forming a friendship for this worthy couple which we all sincerely hope to have frequent opportunities of renewing. The lodge seemed to need no inspection, as R. W. Bro. McFadden has taken charge of the Secretary's work, and W. Bro. Roberts again fills the chair of W. M. V. W. Bro. Morton, for eleven years Secretary, is still active and always present at the meetings. They, together with a host of fine Masons, seemed to unite in the grand endeavor of being happy and communicating happiness. The books are perfectly kept, the affairs of the lodge in good shape, and the prospects most promising. W. Bro. Roberts and his officers exemplified the third degree in a manner showing proper feeling and keen appreciation of the wonderful lessons of that degree. To speak of one officer more than another would not be right, as all seemed imbued with the ambition to excel. My visit to Ionic lodge will always remain fresh in my memory as one of the happiest of my Masonic visits.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: W. Bro. Thomas Reid, W. M. I visited this, my mother lodge, on the regular meeting in march, and was introduced by R. W. Bro. Allen, D. G. M., who is the Treasurer of this lodge.

And my esteemed personal friend, W. Bro. Reid, whom I had the honor some years ago of proposing for membership, received me most kindly, and to my complete surprise presented me with a large basket of roses for Mrs. Webster, which was immediately conveyed to my home by the janitor. This lodge hardly needs inspection from a D.D.G.M., having P.D.D.G.M's, the present D.G.M., and always twelve or fifteen Past Masters present. W. Bro. Reid's personal dignity and general friendship for his officers and brethren tend to make a most harmonious whole. Officers and members join in admitting that Ashlar lodge this year has the Master of all Masters at its head. The M. W. the Grand Master had visited the lodge in February, and I found the lodge members and the speakers all referring to his visit with words of most pleasing recollection and of the great benefit derived. I must refer to the books and financial standing of this lodge. R. W. Bro. Allen, the Treasurer, has held this position ever since the death of R. W. Bro. Blackwood, and keeps a careful ward on things financial, consequently this is not only one of the most wealthy lodges, but also one of the most careful, yet generous, in dispensing its charities. The first degree was exemplified for my inspection in a faultless and impressive manner, the Inner Guard and Junior Deacon excelling in the floor work, the Junior Warden's lecture being a distinct feature because of its very intelligent rendition. This lodge is doing good work, is deservedly prosperous, and has the brightest prospects for the future.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: W. Bro. Forbes, W. M. I visited this lodge at the regular meeting in December, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Allen, D.G. M.; W. Bro. Duncan, my Secretary, and about 30 P. M's and members of city lodges. The lodge had provided a special parlor car for our party to and from the city, which, together with the warmth of our welcome, made this one of the most enjoyable as well as mutually profitable visits of my year. The W. M. and his officers exemplified the first degree in the most creditable manner. I must especially mention the excellent manner in which the books are kept, also the impressive work of the Junior Warden. The lodge seems to be working along most smoothly attending to the fundamental principles of the

Order, dispensing charity to the full extent of its means, and having an exceedingly worthy father in V. W. Bro. Francis, who is evidently the guiding star in this lodge.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King: W. Bro. Aubrey Davis, W. M. I visited this lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting in May. On my entrance to the lodge I was warmly welcomed by the W. M. and brethren and received with Grand Honors. The second degree was worked in a splendid manner and the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees. The general condition of Masonry in this locality is excellent and the prospects for the future most promising. The membership remains about stationary. The financial affairs of the lodge are in a most satisfactory condition. W. Bro. Aubrey Davis makes an excellent W. M., and his officers seem deeply interested in their work. The W. Bros. Carley are a tower of strength to this lodge, holding the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, and it was indeed a great pleasure to renew my acquaintance with them in their Masonic home. The hospitality of this lodge was of the best description, the members' wives waiting on the table and lending, by their vocal and instrumental selections, that refinement which is only found when the ladies are present. At this meeting brethren from Maple, Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Aurora were present, and all agreed that Robertson lodge is living up to its past record.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, W. M.: I visited this lodge at their regular meeting in January, and although probably the most severe snow storm of the season prevented many of the members from being present, still those who had ventured made up by their zeal and earnestness and the apparent sincerity of their work for what otherwise would have been a record night. The W. M. has the lodge well in hand, and Grand Lodge can look for a banner year under his direction. The charitable work of the lodge, considering its membership, is something to be proud of. The books are well looked after, and the degree work is conducted by a class of officers far above the average. The financial standing and prospects of this lodge are excellent.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 307, Woodbridge: I visited this lodge on the regular meeting in March, being the day of the full moon. In the absence of the W. M., the effi-

cient I. P. M. occupied the chair, and I might say that most of the chairs were occupied by P. M.'s, all of whom are most enthusiastic and are decided in their support and loyalty to Blackwood lodge. A candidate was initiated in an impressive manner, and two applications received. This lodge seems to make lots of Masons, but unfortunately for the numerical strength of the lodge, they seem to move to the city, or other surrounding places, leaving the old stand-by's to do the work. W. Bro. Agar, that perfect Secretary, is still at his post, careful, accurate, and painstaking as ever. The financial standing of the lodge is good; a very small amount of outstanding dues, and those reckoned good. The brethren are in earnest in their work, and have pleasant recollections of the visits of many of my predecessors, especially R. W. Bros. W. D. McPherson and Aubrey White, who evidently left them good food for thought. I had the pleasure of presenting this lodge with a picture of its founder, R. W. Bro. Blackwood, and I am looking forward to visiting them again in the near future.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: W. Bro. O. F. Rice, W. M. I visited this lodge officially at their regular meeting in May, having been entertained by this same lodge previously on the occasion of the reception of the Grand Master. Grand Lodge needs no report on Zetland, as it always is well nigh the perfect lodge. The W. M. is a very enthusiastic Mason, and at the same time one of our busiest citizens, being the manager of the head office of the Imperial Bank of Canada. He has found time, however, to keep his mother lodge up to its usual standard, and is ably supported by his Wardens, Bros. McQuillan and Haywood, both of whom are old and enthusiastic members of Zetland. All of the junior officers are of the proper sort. W. Bro. John McCabe, Secretary, is the right man in the right place, as being thoroughly in touch with the vast amount of work to be done. I consider the lodge was very fortunate in getting this brother back into harness. The W. M. initiated the son of one of the older members for my inspection, and the work was rendered most impressively. The business affairs of this lodge are in good hands. W. Bro. Rice, W. M.; M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Treasurer; W. B. John McCabe, Secretary, these names are sufficient to show the success of any lodge, and

when I say that M. W. Bro. Malone attends the lodge as regularly as ever and keeps a fatherly eye on its affairs, I know that his old friends would say it is only what would be expected of him. Everything in Zetland is in splendid condition, and its affairs for years will be in good shape in the hands of the younger men coming along.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: W. Bro. Foster, W. M. I visited this lodge first on the occasion of a reception given to the Grand Lodge officers living in Toronto. On this occasion their work was second to none. Everything possible was done to show the loyalty of Occident's to the Grand Lodge. On the night of December 18th I had the privilege of installing the officers for 1903. On that occasion I was assisted by W. Bro. Duncan, my Secretary, who was one of the P. M's of this lodge. I am informed that he, with V. W. Bro. Bunn and V. W. Bro. Charlton, are always on hand, as well as many other P. M's. On the night of March 18th I paid my visit of inspection, when the first degree was exemplified very intelligently and with a proper appreciation of the work. The W. M. is a credit to Occident, and his anxiety for its welfare is evident in all his actions. Occident has been working along harmoniously for some years, and the results show a very healthy growth. Bro. Lillie is still Secretary, and it is needless to say his books are, as they always have been, in perfect condition. There have been quite a number of candidates initiated this year, all of whom seem to be taking a deep interest in the work, and I have every reason to believe that Occident lodge has a prosperous future.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville: I visited this lodge at what should have been a regular meeting on March 10th. A meeting had been called and my visit announced on the circulars for that night. I regret to have to report that although the janitor had apparently been there and lighted the room, on my arrival at 7.45, and after waiting until 8.15 there was no person present to unlock the door and apparently no chance of a meeting. It is true the night was wet, but not to such an extent as to make it impossible to hold a meeting, and I learned that three or four times during the last twelve months this has been the state of affairs. The Secretary, W. Bro. Taylor, expressed the deepest regret at the W. M's absence,

and also at his having sent no excuse, but I find on reading the reports of previous years that this lodge has been going back steadily. I offered to make another visit if a quorum could be had; up to date I have heard nothing. I feel, therefore, that I must suggest that the affairs of River Park Lodge receive the most serious consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills: W. Bro. Tremaine, W. M. I visited this lodge at their regular meeting, held in Masonic Hall, Lambton Mills, Tuesday, June 9th. W. Bro. Lamb, the W. M., officers and members of Humber Lodge, Weston, visited on the same occasion, also about thirty visitors from Toronto Junction and the city. The W. M. initiated two candidates in a manner which showed a thorough acquaintance with the work. The junior officers did their work fairly well, and I have reason to believe, if proper rehearsals are held, that the officers are of the proper material to make a most successful lodge. The membership is increasing, the arrears of dues are very small, and they have a good balance in the bank. I am informed that they have several applications from excellent men for membership. They have been improving their lodge premises, and now have a lodge room with every facility for carrying on the work as it should be done. The Secretary is a capable officer, and reports that the prospects for Masonry in that locality are excellent, certainly brighter than in most of the country districts.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Parkdale: W. Bro. E. E. Luke, W. M. I visited this lodge at their regular meeting in April. W. Bro. Luke, on the same evening, entertained a large number of visitors, and the evening throughout was most enjoyable. One candidate was initiated in good style and in an impressive manner. The floor work was excellent. The Junior Warden did his work, including the lecture, perfectly, and the charge was given by W. Bro. Colonel Grey. The work of the W. M. was an example to all Masters, he showing to the candidate that the work, though not new to him, was as dear and as much felt as it ever had been. The membership is increasing, the finances in splendid shape, charitable work not neglected, the Secretary a splendid man, and the lodge in general most prosperous. I might add that it has never

been my privilege to see a body of officers work together in better style than the officers of Alpha lodge.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction: W. Bro. Allen H. Royce, W. M. This lodge having recently had a visit from the M. W. the Grand Master, accompanied by the D. G. M. and other distinguished brethren, also R. W. Bro. Aubrey White having been there installing officers, on which occasion he gave an address which had impressed itself indelibly on the minds of the brethren, I visited for the first time at their regular meeting, March, 1903. From start to finish the lodge work was a unit. The manly, dignified and yet genial bearing of W. Bro. Royce, the W. M., has endeared him to all the members, and one can hear on all sides words of attachment and admiration of his administration and of his rendering of the work. Another W. Bro. Royce is Secretary. The books are not only properly kept, but show the proper kind of balance. The Secretary rendered the charge to the candidate as impressively as it has ever been my privilege to hear it. All of the officers seemed anxious to surpass. The Senior and Junior Warden are both excellent officers, and I feel sure when the Junior Warden attains the East he will live to the high standard as has set for himself. A noticeable feature about Stanley lodge, to my mind, is the harmony with which the Past Masters work together. They and the W. M. work together as one man, making the Master's work an absolute pleasure. I look upon Stanley lodge as one of the most prosperous in No. 11 District.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto: W. Bro. L. K. Cameron, W. M. I visited this lodge at the April meeting and received a royal and fraternal welcome. A candidate was initiated by the W. M., and I had much pleasure at the conclusion of the ceremony in congratulating him highly on his manner and his proficiency. His special officers also acquitted themselves most creditably. During this year the lodge has grown in larger numbers than any of its preceding years, and also in larger numbers than any other lodge in the District, and I am assured that the quality has not been allowed to suffer on account of the large number initiated. I felt honored in having R. W. Bro. Geo. Patterson, first W. M. of this lodge, introduce me, accompanied by W. Bro. McQueen. Har-

mony is being well looked after by W. Bro. Cameron, his officers, and the old reliables, R. W. Bros. Geo. Bennet, E. C. Davies, V. W. Bro. Walker, and a whole host of hard working P. M's. Business is attended to most methodically, and their charity most generous. There is no lodge which is having greater prosperity or apparently brighter prospects, than this, the youngest in the District.

At the time of writing I have not received reports from all the lodges in the District, so have refrained from giving any statistics, as the result will be shown in the table of the work done which will be appended hereto.

In conclusion I wish to express the great pleasure I have felt in visiting the various lodges. I have had good receptions, splendid entertainments, and have received nothing but the greatest kindness and fraternal courtesy wherever I have gone. I shall never forget the pleasant hours spent with my brethren in the different lodges. I can sincerely hope that the benefits derived have been mutual, as I know it has been of the greatest benefit to myself to have had the honor to represent the Grand Master in this District.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

ALFRED F. WEBSTER, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto West District No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Toronto West District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	MEMBERSHIP.			AFFILIATIONS.			RESIGNATIONS.			SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D.			DECEASED.			MEETINGS HELD.			AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.	NO. OF MEMBERS 12 MONTHS IN ARREARS.	TOTAL OF ALL ARREARAGES.	DATE OF LAST G. L. RETURN.	FINANCIAL STANDING.	PROSPECTS OF LODGE.	CAN W. M. WORK ALL DEGREES.	INSURANCE.			
		TOTAL NO. OF ALL MEM.	INCREASE DURING YEAR.	DECREASE DURING YEAR.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
22	King Sol'm	Toronto	217	23	25	12	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	\$450	00	6	78	00	Dec., 1902	Good	Excellent	Yes	\$ 200 00	
54	Vaughan	Maple	46	2	20	17	17	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	8 00	15	17	130	00	Jan., '03	Good	Fair	No	1000 00	
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	248	12	20	17	17	3	5	2	5	2	3	11	10	21	40	21	25	172	71	20	241	65	Dec. 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
86	Wilson	Toronto	201	9	15	12	10	1	1	6	1	6	2	10	4	57	20	10	44	205	67	29	316	10	Dec. 27, '02	1st Class	Good	Yes	.....
98	True Blue.	Bolton	51	2	8	7	4	3	2	10	1	10	2	12	12	10	00	25	3	10	00	26	79	75	Jan. 5, '03	Good	Good	Yes	900 00	
118	Union.	Schenberg	20	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	1	2	10	11	11	12	13	18	5	00	17	20	00	June 24, '02	Good	Fair	Yes	600 00		
126	York	Edgmont	84	6	3	4	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	10	10	3	13	23	10	00	17	90	45	Jan., 1903	Good	Good	Yes	.....	
149	Lonic	Brampton.	74	10	4	6	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	10	10	11	12	13	5	00	17	15	00	June 18, '02	Good	Good	Yes	400 00		
167	Ashtar	Toronto	262	23	20	18	18	10	2	3	3	8	10	20	59	107	45	14	115	30	Dec. 24, '02	.....	115	30	Dec. 24, '02	Excellent	V'y Good	Yes	2500 00
185	Part'son.	Thornhill	41	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	00	.....	27	75	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
192	Robertson.	King	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	00	5	21	00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	1st Class	Yes	250 00	
205	Humber	Weston	50	5	7	7	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	00	3	27	75	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	250 00	
211	Blackwood	Woodbridge	41	5	4	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	00	.....	57	70	June 24, '03	Good	Excellent	Yes	150 00
226	Zetland	Toronto	387	43	14	30	27	19	11	2	5	8	1	10	7	17	80	200	00	6	.....	57	70	June 24, '03	Fair	Good	No	Yes	.....
246	Occident	Toronto	176	19	17	12	11	12	3	4	7	9	1	11	4	15	42	65	00	28	.....	34	70	June 24, '02	Fair	Good	Yes	1000 00	
256	River Park	Streetsville	35	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	7	7	8	.....	17	85	00	Dec. 27, '02	.....	85	00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	N't Good	No	100 00	
269	Minico.	Lambton	77	14	12	8	8	3	2	3	1	2	13	3	15	59	47	50	28	.....	9	127	80	Jan., 1903	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
284	Alpha	Parkdale.	241	11	16	14	18	.....	1	2	4	1	10	9	13	16	59	47	50	28	.....	9	127	80	Jan., 1903	Good	Excellent	Yes	1000 00
297	Stanley	Tor. Junction.	197	25	1	23	17	14	2	1	1	1	10	9	13	50	65	00	1	160	60	Dec., 1902	160	60	Dec., 1902	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
308	Har. only.	Toronto.	210	38	36	41	43	4	2	.....	.....	.....	10	13	23	40	20	40	20	40	20	387	50	Dec. 31, '02	Good	Excellent	Yes	Cover'd	.....

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

The confidence reposed in me by my Worshipful Brethren of District No. 12 at Windsor at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, in placing me in the office of District Deputy Grand Master by a unanimous vote, was very flattering to me, and I can assure you was much appreciated. I only wish I could have done more than I have been able to, and have shown by acts, rather than by expressions from my pen, what I did and do feel in respect of it.

A circumstance happened near the middle of my term, and just after I had started to perform my duties, which interfered with my doing as I would, and almost caused my resignation from office. I refer to the death of my wife. It was a terrible blow to me, situated as I was, and I felt that I owed it to the District to tender my resignation of the office. I wrote to the M. W. the Grand Master an unofficial letter, telling him I had come to the conclusion that it was my duty to at once place the office at his disposal, so that he could fill it with some one who could devote his time and energy to the work. The Grand Master replied that he would not accept my resignation for the reasons stated, as there were P.D.D.G.M's in the District who were competent, and would no doubt be willing, to perform the work, and he would see that they did it, and if necessary would do the work himself. I cannot pretend to say what my feelings were on reading this communication. I do not know how to express myself. For the comforting words, for the absorbing kindness, time alone, and my actions when opportunity comes, must be waited for to permit any sort of expression of my intense feelings of gratitude.

To R. W. Bros. James Evans, of Port Hope, and W. H. Walkey, of Peterborough, I will be ever indebted for their kindly assistance and work of relieving me of visiting a number of the lodges.

To the many lodges and individual members of the Order I take this opportunity of saying how dear their comforting words of condolence have been.

With the above opening remarks I will proceed to report on the condition of Masonry in the District over which I was appointed, as well as I can, feeling sure that you will realize the incompleteness of same, but will also appreciate the cause thereof.

From the many notices of meetings of the lodges, which I have on all occasions carefully perused and considered, I was glad to see such activity displayed in Masonry, and that so many of our best citizens were availing themselves of the great blessing and influence of Masonry. The class of applicants, indicated by the professions or callings, was a high compliment to the character of the men who compose the membership of the local lodges, if for no other reason than that they must be men who are deporting themselves as true men and good citizens to so attract the attention of the citizens who have come in. This is as it should be, and speaks well for Masonry in this District.

I personally visited ten out of the twenty-five lodges in this District, and in all (or at least so nearly all as to permit me to say all without being accused of exaggeration) I found a body of men imbued with the determination to be Masons in that sense of the word which speaks for high ideals and good living, impressed with the responsibility resting upon them when Masonry admitted them and threw its cloak about them. In nearly all the rendering of the work was given with care, showing interest, preparation, and a clear understanding of its beautiful truths and the tenets of Masonry. I was most agreeably surprised.

I regret that the circumstance to which I have alluded prevented my carrying out the wishes of the Grand Master in holding a Lodge of Instruction. I had the matter well under way, had communicated with all the lodges, and received intimation of a unanimous desire to have the meeting, which was fixed for the first week in January.

I know it was a disappointment to the various lodges, which disappointment I share with them.

DISPENSATIONS.

I granted the following dispensations during the year to lodges to attend divine service clothed as Masons and in public procession: Spry Lodge, No. 406, January 4th, 1903; Norwood Lodge, No. 223, June 14th, 1903; Hope Lodge, No. 114, June 21st, 1903; Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, June 21st, 1903; Havelock Lodge, No. 435, June 28th, 1903, and also to Norwood Lodge, No. 223, to initiate a serving brother without fee.

The following is a report on the visitations to the different lodges, headed by the name of those who made the visitations and reports:

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

The Spry Lodge, No. 406: An official visit was made to this lodge by the M. W. the Grand Master on April 13th, 1903, who reports that he saw the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees and the third degree conferred upon a candidate in a very satisfactory manner. The W. M., the Rev. Mr. Garbutt, had his work up well, also the Senior Deacon. The other officers fairly well up. The books of the Secretary, R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald, were examined and found well kept and a credit to the veteran Secretary. The average attendance for so small a lodge was remarkable, and the prospects very bright.

Arcadia Lodge, No. 440: This lodge was visited by the M. W. the Grand Master on June 5th, 1903, who reports that the W. M., who was the Inspector of Public Schools for the district, was installed by him, and his work that night impressed him with his thorough knowledge of his duties as W. M. of the lodge at the time, and that his subsequent visit confirmed him in the first opinion formed as to his worthiness and ability. They had four initiations since that time. The W. M. has worked the three degrees several times in a very able manner, and the other officers have their work up well. The brethren work harmoniously together. The Secretary, Bro. W. S. Munn, has his books exceedingly well kept, and to him the lodge is indebted for having the dues well paid, only one member being in arrear. The prospects are fair in spite of the fact that a new lodge will probably be opened

at Haliburton. The attendance is good. They had a P. M's night in May. The lodge has a good balance in the bank and the property of the lodge is kept insured.

Somerville Lodge, No. 451: This lodge was visited by the M. W. the Grand Master on the 24th of June, 1903, and he reports that it is in a most flourishing condition. The work of the third degree was almost perfect. The junior officers were perfect. The lodge has been working less than two years and has now 54 members. The members are worthy young business men, and of the very best. There were five petitions presented and referred to committees for investigation, and he was informed that they were all most excellent material, one being a physician in good practice and another a manufacturer. He thoroughly examined the minute books, ledgers and register, and found them well kept and in good order. He added that this lodge was a credit to the District. It had 18 meetings since 27th December, 1902, with an average attendance of 15, which was very creditable. There were only three members in arrears for 12 months, and the total amount of arrears was \$9.75, which reflects much credit upon the work of the Secretary. They have a substantial amount of funds in the bank amounting to \$347.16.

R. W. Bro. James Evans, in compliance with the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, and deeply sympathizing with R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, D.D.G.M., has visited the lodges on the lake shore and reports as follows:

Orono Lodge, No. 325: I visited this lodge on February 5th, 1903. When I visited it in 1899 it was in pretty low water, but I am glad to say shows marked improvement since that time. The officers were in their chairs and P. M's well represented. The third degree was satisfactorily exemplified, all the officers showing accuracy, and the attention given by the members, who were present in goodly numbers, gave evidence of much healthy interest. I am glad to say that I have since learned that good material has been offering and prospects are good.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139: I visited this lodge on February 10th, 1903, and we had a good turnout of members and received two applications. The books are well kept and duly audited, but I found that the Secretaries do not copy auditors' reports into their minutes, so that in none of the lodges I visited could the auditors' report be readily

found. The work of the evening was two initiations and one passing, and everything went on like clockwork, as you might expect when W. Bro. Hare had charge. The J. W. gave us the lecture in the South in splendid shape, but the S. W. was considerably off, for which he gave satisfactory reasons. The fourth degree was in charge of that veteran, R. W. Bro. McCaw, and you may be sure that as Treasurer he sees that good value is given for every dollar.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39: I visited this lodge on the 25th of February, 1903. There was no sleighing, and no actual work was done, the attendance being small. The lodge was opened in three degrees, and P. M. Moore exemplified the principal parts of third degree, and with a candidate would have made a favorable impression. The work had merit of being ancient. One can overlook slight defects and admire the pluck and perseverance of Masons who in a small and sparsely settled country place stand faithfully to their guns and refuse to be wiped out, remembering the long ago when Brooklin was. The lodge owns its hall, pretty well paid for, and is deriving a small revenue over and above interest and repairs.

Composite Lodge, No. 30: I visited this lodge on February 26th, 1903. W. Bro. Fred. Hatch had kindly arranged the time to suit me on my return from Brooklin, for which I am grateful. After the lodge was opened and routine business completed, a visitor, for whom no brother could vouch, was at my suggestion examined in open lodge. The examination was conducted by W. Bro. Taylor, and proved to be very interesting and instructive to all. The visitor did not know everything, and had to be led along byways to make sure he was all right, and Bro. Taylor did it in a manner which elicited applause. The work of the evening was the third degree, for which we had a splendidly prepared bright candidate, and the work was well done.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270: I visited this lodge on March 3rd, 1903. It would be very interesting to know how many years intervened between the granting of charters Lebanon, No. 139, Oshawa, and Cedar, No. 270, Oshawa, but evidently age has not advantaged the former, as the offshoot seems a good healthy rival in every respect. The turnout was good and everything was delightfully pleas-

ant. The third degree was exemplified very impressively, but, as usual, when the W. M. is a preacher or a lawyer, and in the habit of expressing opinions in his own words, the W. M., Rev. J. J. Rae, did not depart from usual customs. The books are well kept by the Secretary and the cash by the Treasurer.

Durham Lodge, No. 66: I visited this lodge on April 7th, 1903. In 1899 I installed the officers in this lodge and left it in charge of W. Bro. Dr. Farncomb. It has little territory to fatten upon and has not grown obese. W. Bro. J. K. Allen is doing his best to keep numbers up to normal, and is giving a good deal of attention to degree work, but, after a man reaches the meridian it is pretty hard to shut out business and politics and settle down to hard and fast verbatim work. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, no actual work being on hand, and some interesting points settled. There are some pretty bright Masons in old Durham, and, if it makes any difference, I feel a good deal of interest in its welfare.

R. W. Bro. W. H. Walkey.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77: W. Bro. Charles Reeves, W. M.; Bro. R. G. Corneil, Secretary. I visited this lodge at the regular meeting on May 1st, 1903, and witnessed the initiation of one candidate and the raising of one to the Sublime Degree. The ceremonies were correctly and satisfactorily carried out. The W. M. does the work in an easy and pleasing manner, receives good support from the officers, and is deserving of better recognition at the hands of the P. M's, who were conspicuous by their absence from the meeting. Books are well kept and dues well attended to.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223: W. Bro. Dr. Ford, W. M.; Bro. W. H. Harper, Secretary. I visited this lodge officially at an emergent meeting on June 12th, 1903, accompanied by W. Bro. Stocker. In spite of unfavorable weather there was a large attendance of enthusiastic brethren. One candidate received the initiatory degree, which was conferred in an impressive and highly satisfactory manner. W. Bro. Ford is an excellent worker and is well supported. W. Bro. Pearce still maintains a fatherly interest in the lodge, and W. Bro. Dr. Moffatt is always on hand to assist in the work if necessary. This lodge has enjoyed another year of exceptional prosperity.

27 candidates having been initiated during that time. The lodge room has been further improved and beautified, and is now in first-class condition. The books are correctly kept and the dues well in hand.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313: W. Bro. W. Sherin, W. M.; Bro. R. Q. Dench, Secretary. It was my good fortune to be honored with an invitation to install the officers of this lodge for 1903. Accompanied and assisted by a goodly number of the officers and P. M's of the Peterborough lodges, I visited No. 313 and performed that duty at the regular meeting on January 6th. As usual there was a large turnout of the brethren, and the capacity of the hall was taxed to the utmost. The prospect of Clementi lodge is very bright; the officers are competent and well skilled; the P. M's attentive and helpful, and the brethren enthusiastic in the extreme. A sumptuous banquet, with toast and speech and song, closed an evening of pleasure and profit to all.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435: W. Bro. E. M. Williams, W. M.; Bro. A. Kniewasser, Secretary. Visited this lodge on Friday, January 9th, 1903, and assisted the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Armitage, in installing the officers-elect for 1903. There was a good attendance, a pleasing feature being the presence of contingents of visiting brethren from Peterborough, Norwood, and other places. Havelock lodge is still in good hands, and satisfactory work is being done. At the fourth degree the aims and objects of Freemasonry were set forth in eloquent addresses by the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. R. E. Wood, V. W. Bro. Winch, and others.

R. W. Bro. John M. Shaw.

Keene Lodge, No. 374: R. W. Bro. John M. Shaw reports that on February 12th, 1903, he visited this lodge. The W. M. was unavoidably absent by reason of illness, but W. Bro. Anderson, assisted by the Wardens, conferred the second degree in a very favorable manner, while W. Bro. McCamus gave the third degree to another candidate in a very thorough and impressive style. The general condition of this lodge is very satisfactory, and the members are very careful about the candidates who apply and only the best are selected. The annual private excursion on St. John's Day is the event of the year, and all enjoy the outing on Rice Lake very much. The mem-

bers supply the boats and meals. There is a total membership of 34, and of these 11 reside over 25 miles from the lodge, and 5 are 10 miles away, so that taking this into consideration the average attendance of 12 is very good.

(R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, at the request of the G. M., will visit this lodge on the 3rd inst. and report direct to the G. M. I have written him to send a copy of his report to me, and it will be forwarded in my absence to the Grand Secretary, who, I hope, will have it inserted at this point.)

R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, D.D.G.M.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26: W. Bro. Reynolds, W.M.; R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson, Secretary. I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 21st, 1903, and was much pleased to see the many familiar faces of those who had turned out to meet me. A good attendance, with respectful and appreciative interest, was gratifying. This lodge is very ambitious. It is disappointed in not being able to return the number of its members with three figures, but 99 active members on their books is a creditable list and a good improvement on their last report. They realize that it is not numbers altogether they desire. The material seems to be excellent, and the lodge must prosper with its present composition. The work in the third degree was exemplified by the W. M. in a manner that admitted of no criticism. The books of the Secretary have been so often reported on that it is needless to add anything. They are kept in the excellent manner that this R. W. Bro. does everything entrusted to him.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31: W. Bro. J. C. Mitchell, M. D., W. M.; Bro. Jos. Patterson, Secretary. I paid my official visit to my own lodge on May 6th, 1903. The brethren of my lodge will, I am sure, not expect me, for reasons that are manifest, to say much of them. The reports on this lodge by my predecessors for several years have been more than flattering. I believe them to have been deserved. It is well officered by enthusiastic Masons. The attendance on the evening of my visit was unusually large, and if intended as a mark of respect to myself, which I hope I am not egotistic in believing it was partly, I thank them. This lodge has as its chief officer W. Bro. J. C. Mitchell, M. D., of Toronto, who was a prominent physician, man and Mason when he left here a year ago, and deserved his promotion when this lodge was

good enough to entrust the office to him although he was absent from the District. He comes down from Toronto on the night of each regular meeting, and has a full knowledge of all that is done in the lodge. I prophesy that he will be heard from in Masonry, if he lives, in the years to come. The work of the Junior Warden shows extreme care and industry, and was well done. It is hard to particularize with officers who are so much interested and so well up. The books are well and neatly kept by the long-time and much-trusted Secretary, Bro. Joseph Pattinson.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101: W. Bro. D. Walker, W. M.; Bro. H. R. H. Kenner, Secretary. At the urgent request of this lodge I dealt in the unusual course of giving separate visits to Corinthian and Peterborough lodges. The many acquaintances and friends that I have in Peterborough, and particularly among the members of Corinthian, made me feel very much at home with my brethren, and the enthusiasm of my reception added to this. Although the work in the second degree was displayed that night, I did not attend the lodge until later, when the third degree was presented, and the degree conferred in a faultless manner by the W. M., assisted by that veteran and ever popular R. W. Bro. Max Denison, who explained the traditional history in a manner which shows that he has kept up his work, and that time has not been permitted to interfere with his masterly power of exemplifying the lessons of this part of the work. Different portions of the work were done by other P. M's, who seemed to abound in the attendance that had got together on that evening. The grandfather of the lodge, as I understood him to be, Bro. Cameron, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest Mason in Peterborough, and is proud of his Scottish birth, and much interested in myself by reason of my father having come from the same district of Rothes as himself, showed his warm appreciation of Masonry by attending the work from start to finish, even to the end of the fourth degree, and by remarks showed his respect and admiration for the Order. The work of the Senior Deacon could not be passed by without comment. It was particularly well done, and if I had been able to hold a Lodge of Instruction I would have liked to have had all Deacons in attendance to have seen his methods. His military training no doubt was a great assistor. Corin-

thian is justly proud of its personnel, a feature which is a good one in any lodge, and will always work to the advantage and support of a lodge. Complete self respect is an ingredient which commands respect from others.

Hope Lodge, No. 114: W. Bro. Thomas Spry, W.M.; W. Bro. Thomas H. Bell, Secretary. I visited this lodge on May 21st, 1903. The prophecy of my predecessor in connection with this lodge has been amply fulfilled, and candidates seem to be plentiful. The initiatory degree was worked in a manner most creditable to the W. M., and particularly to the Junior Warden, whose clear enunciation and thorough knowledge of his work was extremely pleasing. I am glad to be able to say that the books, which were somewhat out of order when my predecessor visited the lodge, have become, to use the prophecy of R. W. Bro. Walkey, models of accuracy and neatness. The dues are well in hand, and I anticipate that under the care of W. Bro. Bell there will be no confusion in the general administration of this lodge.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145: W. Bro. Wood, W. M.; Bro. Chas. Thorndyke, Secretary. I paid my official visit to this lodge at its regular meeting on November 13th, 1902. The meeting was, owing to the illness of the W. M., presided over by W. Bro. A. A. Smith. The work of the third degree was presented in what I consider a faultless manner, surpassing for perfect adherence to the work any lodge in the District. I note the remarks made in respect of the same work done, as I understand, by the same officer before my predecessor, and am pleased that he is able to confirm my view. The books are well kept and the dues well collected. This lodge knows how to conduct the fourth degree to be entertaining and particularly pleasant. The future of this lodge, with the interest displayed on the evening of my visit, is completely assured.

Peterborough Lodge, No. 155: W. Bro. John Crane, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. H. Walkey, Secretary. The banner lodge of my District; the largest in No. 12; the lodge that can boast of having as its Secretary so good a man as my predecessor, who, as it appears to me, puts to shame all other Masons I ever had the pleasure of hearing at work, and under whose watchful eye and tutelage the work of this lodge must necessarily be well done, and it

was well done. The W. M., in presenting the work of the first degree, showed himself to be perfectly familiar with it, and to also thoroughly understand it. The other officers of the lodge appeared to have equally good knowledge of their respective work and duties. The rendering of the charge to the newly initiated candidate by R. W. Bro. Walkey was given in his unexcelled style. It was indeed a pleasure to visit this lodge, which I did on the 5th day of June, 1903. From the moment I entered the town at the station until my departure I was well looked after and carefully entertained. The work of the fourth degree in this lodge was good. The attendance from outside lodges, Norwood, Keene, Omemee, Lakefield, and others, must have been flattering to the lodge in having, on this occasion, so many friends interested in their welfare and kindly disposed. The speeches in the fourth degree from the different visitors was very gratifying in showing how Peterborough lodge is regarded. I told them on that occasion that their position in Masonry, as the largest lodge, placed responsibilities on them which they would have to regard, and I was satisfied, as I am now, that they needed no admonition in this respect. They realize it, and are determined to be an example.

Lorne Lodge, No. 376: W. Bro. G. S. Cameron, W. M.; Bro. W. G. H. English, Secretary. I visited this lodge on November 10th, 1902. What the lodge lacked in numbers it made up with enthusiasm and good fellowship. The work that was exemplified before me was well done. This lodge is suffering from financial trouble, and the presiding officers must realize the necessity of placing a strong hand upon their membership and weeding out those who will not pay their dues. There should be no hesitancy in applying the pruning knife and doing the work well, and I am hopeful that under the new order of affairs, under the new W. M., W. Bro. G. H. English, it will be done. I strongly recommend the Grand Lodge to grant the request of this lodge to cancel their liability to Grand Lodge and start them afresh, as I have positive evidence before me that W. Bro. English is taking the right steps. They have had on their books as members for years, in some cases I am told more than 20 years, those who have not contributed to the lodge, and yet have been carried on. The books were badly kept in the past,

and no records of suspensions or withdrawals or deaths have been kept. It is not known where a large number of the members are. If Grand Lodge will look into the matter it will find that the dues charged against this class of membership will far more than offset the liability of the lodge to Grand Lodge, and I think Grand Lodge should remit the amount and start Lorne Lodge once more on an even basis. The material in the lodge is all right. The camaraderie of the lodge is excellent. The lodge wants help and wants it now.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398: W. Bro. A. E. Staback, W. M.; Bro. J. McClelland, Secretary. I visited this lodge on November 12th, 1902. I do not think I ever appreciated the blessings of those who live practically next door to their lodge rooms as when visiting this lodge. Never had my mind so severely censured those Masons who have pleasant opportunities and agreeable distances to go to attend their lodge and to carry out the vows which they took upon themselves when entering Masonry as when journeying to visit Victoria. I got off at Woodville Station, and, over roads none too good, in a rain, drove 12 or 15 miles to Kirkfield. W. Bro. Staback lives at Woodville, this distance from his lodge. Investigation proved that he had been a close attendant at all meetings, going at times when he was not sure of getting a lodge meeting, in all kinds of weather, and returning at all times in the night. It was indeed an object lesson. My drive was rendered more pleasant and short by the entertaining descriptions of the W. M., who seemed to have a wide experience and a pleasant mind, and his descriptions of the difficulties surrounding the due prosecution of Masonic duties were more than interesting. The terrible rain that night prevented any sort of attendance, but, with the assistance of some visitors, and a S. W. from The Spry lodge, the lodge was opened, and all things considered, the opening and closing was well done. W. Bro. Mosgrove was a host in himself, and if Victoria can be lifted in the locality I expect that the right man is in office now to do it in his person.

Murray Lodge, No. 408: W. Bro. P. E. Byrne, W. M.; Bro. H. S. Cameron, Secretary. I visited this lodge on the evening of November 11th, 1902, and was graciously received by that thorough-going and enterprising

young Mason, the W. M., and also by the Secretary. The pretty lakeshore town of Beaverton is well represented in Masonry by Murray Lodge. It is a liberal education to discuss Masonry with W. Bro. McKay, who occupied the S. W's chair, and who knows nothing of the work in Masonry during the past 25 years but what has been handed down to him by the brethren of his lodge, and who does the work of examining the candidate to be passed to the second degree and delivering the lecture in that degree in a manner that demands expressions of surprise and approval. With a very little application the officers of this lodge would readily do good work. I recommend them to carry out the instructions which I gave them privately.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 428: W. Bro. G. McL. Gibbs, W. M.; W. Bro. Wm. Spence, Secretary. I paid my official visit to this lodge at their regular meeting on November 14th, 1902. I met the largest turnout of members that I had seen at any of my visitations. The lodge was presided over that evening by two P. M's, had a P. M. in the S. W's chair, the I. P. M. in the J. W's chair, and, I was informed, a P. M. acting as Inner and Outer Guard. I do not remember whether the acting Junior Deacon was a regular officer of the lodge or a P. M. I was disappointed in not meeting the regular officers. In the case of the W. M. this was unavoidable, owing to his having, shortly after his election and installation, been removed from Port Perry by a bank of which he was the manager at Port Perry at the time of his election. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a creditable manner by W. Bro. Hutchison, assisted by W. Bro. Baird. The number of Entered Apprentice Masons who had to salute and retire on opening into the second degree was a surprise to me, and, taken with the number of Fellow Crafts who had to retire on going into the third degree, showed that the work of the lodge was far behind and needed a strong hand to straighten it up. The lodge has been making tremendous additions. I trust it has been wise in its selections, and that the guard to the entrance of the portals has been careful, and has scrutinized sufficiently. This advantage in numbers was displayed also in the notices which came in from month to month. The work of the first degree was exemplified by W. Bros. Hutchison and Baird, and, while not free from criticism,

was fairly well done. Coming practically from a lodge of P. M's, it was not all that I expected. P. M's must recognize that they are, by virtue of their office, teachers, and are to keep themselves in a position to afford instruction to the brethren of a lower degree and lesser standing than themselves. The work of the I. P. M. in the chair of the J. W. was nearly perfect. It would not do to pass without notice the work of the veteran Secretary, who was always prompt in giving information I asked for, and in anticipating information I might wish for. The carefulness displayed by him in his correspondence was exemplified as well in the keeping of his books, which are simply models of perfection. Fidelity lodge is fortunate in having such a Secretary, and I hope he may long be spared to fill his office and do as he has been doing.

R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, P.D.D.G.M.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268: W. A. Davis, W. M.; Chas. A. Stewart, Secretary. At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, I visited this lodge on the evening of July 3rd. There was a fair attendance. The work of the evening was an initiation. The work was fairly well done. The prospects of this lodge are brighter than for some time. The Past Masters are taking an active part and this will certainly insure success. The books are well kept, but there is a large amount of dues in arrears, which should be looked after. The Secretary, W. Bro. Stewart, is a painstaking officer and an enthusiastic Mason.

In conclusion I cannot do better than follow the example of my immediate successor, and thank the brethren for the kind assistance they have given me, the generous treatment they have dealt out to me, and the personal interest they have taken in me. I realize that in laying down my office I am, to some extent, parting with the acquaintances I have formed, which I regret. I thoroughly enjoyed my visits to the different lodges and seeing how my brethren took their Masonry and acted out their parts. In almost every instance I found them to be men, men to be proud of, both as citizens and Masons.

All of which I fraternally submit,

D. B. SIMPSON, D.D.G.M.,

Ontario District No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Ontario District No. 12, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Degree's Confr'd			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Affiliations.	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
			Mem- bership	Degree's Confr'd	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.										Total.	Regular.										Emergency.
26	Ontario	Port Hope	29	19	11	14	9	8	4	1	3	8	14	7	21	20	\$	180 00	June 24, '02.	Good	The Best	Yes	1200 00				
30	Composite.	Whitby	99	5	2	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	24	\$75 00	July 3, '02...	Fair	Very Good	Yes	400 00				
31	Jerusalem.	Bowmanville...	74	7	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	12	25	105 00	60 00	Dec. 24, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00				
39	Mt. Zion ...	Brooklin	24	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	11	2	13	15	...	June, 1902.	Good	Fair	Yes	250 00				
66	Durban	Newcastle.....	25	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	9	1	10	10	...	Dec. 27, '02.	Fair	Fair	Yes	1200 00				
77	Faithful B.	Lindsay.....	113	7	7	6	4	3	2	2	1	2	11	4	15	26	65 30	129 00	Jan., 1903	Good	Good	Yes	1100 00				
101	Corinthian	Peterborough.	114	10	10	10	8	...	1	2	2	15	9	24	30	80 00	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00			
139	Hope	Port Hope.....	97	20	2	17	17	15	...	2	2	2	2	10	1	11	25	20 00	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	600 00				
145	Lebanon ...	Oshawa.....	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	9	16	42	50 00	15 00	Mar. 3, '03.	Good	Good	Yes	300 00				
155	Peterbor'gh	Millbrook	173	16	3	15	15	12	1	...	...	...	13	5	18	42	50 00	52 75	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	1100 00			
223	Norwood ...	Norwood	48	30	2	23	20	17	7	1	...	...	1	14	17	31	20	61 63	Jan. 12, '03.	Good	Excellent	Yes	400 00			
268	Vernham ...	Bobcaygeon....	32	5	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	10	10	...	88 00	Dec., 1902.	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00			
270	Cedar	Oshawa.....	69	5	1	4	1	2	...	1	...	...	1	8	1	9	20	10 00	June 24, '02.	Good	Excellent	Yes	500 00			
313	Clementi ...	Lakefield.....	59	2	4	4	4	1	1	...	...	...	2	10	2	12	20	11 55	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00			
325	Oro	Oro	34	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	...	...	1	10	1	11	16	5 00	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Bright	Yes	400 00			
371	Keene	Keene	34	3	3	3	3	3	...	9	...	...	1	12	1	13	12	5 00	June 24, '02.	Good	Fair	No	150 00			
375	Lorne	Omence	30	2	9	2	2	3	...	...	...	...	7	5	12	10	5 00	100 00	June 24, '02.	Impro'v'ng	Fair	Yes	300 00			
398	Victoria.....	Kirkfield.....	34	3	3	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	2	10	9	19	19	17 94	Dec. 27, '02.	Very Best	Good	Yes	300 00			
405	The Sory ...	Beaverton Falls.	54	1	4	8	5	4	3	1	...	...	1	12	12	12	...	25 50	June 24, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	800 00			
408	Murray	Beaverton	41	3	3	4	3	1	1	1	...	...	1	12	3	15	30	12 00	June 24, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	400 00			
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	76	18	1	18	12	12	1	1	...	...	1	12	2	14	21	5 00	Dec. 27, '02.	Very Fair	Good	Yes	400 00			
435	Havelock....	Havelock	73	3	2	3	4	6	...	2	...	...	1	12	2	15	21	10 00	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	150 00			
440	Arcadia	Minden.....	46	4	3	4	2	2	1	3	...	...	9	1	10	13	10 00	37 75	Jan. 15, '03.	Good	Good	Yes	600 00			
451	Somerville	Kinmount.....	47	20	...	16	14	10	4	...	...	...	12	16	28	18	5 00	...	Dec. 31, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	600 00			

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 13.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report for the Prince Edward District, No. 13, for the past Masonic year. As soon as I could, after my appointment, I communicated with the different lodges and obtained the names of the officers. I have visited every lodge in the District once at least, many of them twice, and some of them five and six times.

I am pleased to report that this has been a good year for Masonry in this District. I have had the loyal support of all of the brethren, and wherever I have visited officially they have paid a tribute to the Grand Lodge by receiving me in a royal manner.

When the District was handed over to me there was a dispute between Lake Lodge, No. 215, and Consecon Lodge, No. 50, as to jurisdiction, which had been brought forward from last year, and the Committee on Grievances and Appeals referred the matter to me to make a survey and get the matter adjusted. Upon making inquiries I found that there had been trouble between many of the lodges in the County of Prince Edward. This county is peculiarly situated, being cut up with large indentations and bays, so that while a man might live within five miles of one lodge, he would have to drive fifteen miles to get to that lodge, and could easily reach another nine miles away. The concession lines and lots are on different angles, and for many years there have frequently arisen disputes, although they have not reached Grand Lodge. I asked all the lodges interested to appoint a committee of three to meet at Picton. A map of the County of Prince Edward was placed on the table, with a square and compass, and all lodges being represented, the difference between Lake Lodge and Consecon Lodge was amicably set-

tled by the representatives from Consecon and Lake Lodges, and the members of the different lodges proceeded to mark out their boundaries by measurements. The meeting was one which will ever remain in the memory of those present, and it was a pleasant sight to see the delegates mark out their limits with the emblems of Freemasonry and actuated by Masonic principles. The map has since been photographed, and each lodge will have a copy of the map, showing the limits, hung in their lodges. At the close of the meeting the brethren attended the regular meeting of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, which was held the same evening, and upon which evening I made my second official visit. I feel that this difficulty will 'o much to help Masonry in this part of the District.

The Belleville lodges, for a long time, have not done anything to improve the appearance of the Temple, and I succeeded in getting committees appointed, and twelve hundred dollars has been voted by the three Belleville lodges to renovate and decorate the blue lodge rooms. The work will proceed during the present vacation, and will be finished in time for the fall meetings. I believe this will be a great help to Masonry, as Belleville is really the headquarters of this Masonic District.

I am pleased to report that the harmony of the District has been well preserved. I find the brethren anxious to stand by Masonry, and everywhere I have visited the brethren displayed the loyalty which gave evidence of the hold Masonry has in their lives.

I am pleased to note that at all of the banquets there was an absence of intemperance, and the addresses at such banquets were of a high order and had a tendency to elevate Masonry and make better men.

I do not in this report refer to any statistics, as they are all set forth in the schedule, showing the work of the District.

I am pleased to say that throughout the District Masonry has much improved during the present year, and I promise a happy future for it if the officers of the respective lodges remain true to their duties. I found a few cases in which I had to give some warning, but the kindly spirit with which everything was received gave evidence of the truly Masonic hearts which exist in our District.

I found the brethren throughout the District all anxious to advance our Order, and have to thank them particular-

ly for the enthusiastic way in which they accompanied me on my visits.

While the lodges were most of them in first-class condition, I think the following stand in the front ranks during the present year: Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18; Trent Lodge, No. 38; Craig Lodge, No. 401; United Lodge, No. 29; Madoc Lodge, No. 48, and Star in the East Lodge, No. 164. Any one of these six lodges would be a pattern lodge for any lodge in Ontario to follow.

During the year we had a visit from the M. W. the Grand Master when the corner stone of the Methodist Church at Wooler was laid by the Grand Lodge of Canada. The ceremony was a most impressive one. A very large number of Masons gathered from the surrounding country to assist in the ceremony, and the M. W. the Grand Master won the golden opinion of all in the way he conducted the ceremony.

I have sent a circular to every lodge in the District giving them suggestions for improvement and kindly advice to assist them in the coming year.

I feel grateful to the brethren for the loyal support they have given me, and if the year has been a good one for us I feel it is because the brethren, one and all, stood by our Order and assisted me in the work.

While we have been spending the year our ranks have been depleted. W. Bro. O. R. Bonter, of Trent Lodge, was called away; Bro. Gladney, of Marmora Lodge, also received a summons; W. Bro. William Doctor, of Moira Lodge, No. 11, one of the oldest Masons in the District, also received his summons, while others also are missing from our ranks whose names will appear in the report in Fraternal Dead.

I must thank W. Bro. F. D. Diamond, of Eureka Lodge, No. 283, who acted as District Secretary, and Rev. A. L. Geen, who acted as District Chaplain, for their valuable assistance during the year.

I sincerely hope that the coming session will be a good one, that the reports from all parts of the Province will be equally favorable, and that Masonry will go on to her great destiny until her tenets rule the whole world.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. E. O'FLYNN, D.D.G.M.,
Prince Edward District, No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Prince Edward District, No 13, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship		Total No. of all Mem.	Degree's Confr'd		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Regular.	Emergency.	Total.									
11	Moirs	Belleville	165	5	0	7	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	11	1	40	\$23 60	38	\$154 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	\$4000 00
17	St. John's	Cobourg	77	3	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	13	2	20	10	50	100 00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
18	Pr. Edward	Pictou	212	16	9	12	11	9	3	3	1	0	0	0	14	2	66	20 00	50	186 00	Dec. 27, 1902	Good	Good	Yes	2500 00
29	United	Brighton	91	9	6	8	6	6	1	0	4	1	0	1	11	2	40	.....	15	37 50	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Bright	Yes	700 00
38	Trent	Trenton	93	13	4	10	11	10	3	0	1	0	0	3	14	4	30	15 00	15	150 00	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
48	Madoc	Madoc	94	13	3	12	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	1	30	25 00	.....	20 00	Dec. 28, '02	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
50	Consecon	Consecon	39	4	3	4	5	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	13	1	20	5 00	8	192 25	June 24, '02	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
60	Stirling	Stirling	64	14	13	10	7	4	2	3	10	0	0	0	13	1	20	.....	38	38 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
91	Colborne	Colborne	95	4	6	2	4	5	2	0	1	5	2	0	11	0	21	60 00	7	119 00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	4000 00
123	Bellville	Belleville	148	0	2	4	4	4	0	1	5	2	0	0	11	0	11	25 00	6	25 00	April, 1903	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
126	Goldenl'le	Campbellford	48	8	1	4	4	6	4	0	2	3	0	0	13	5	18	25 00	.....	50 00	Dec. 31, '02	Fair	Good	Yes	None
127	Frank	Frankford	78	3	0	7	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	15	5 00	9	23 50	Dec. 27, '02	Good	V. Good	Yes	400 00
161	Percy	Warkworth	65	5	0	5	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	1	15	10 00	15	46 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	.....
164	Star in East	Wellington	60	8	5	7	5	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	12	0	12	10 00	12	50 00	.....	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
215	Lake	Ameliasburgh	61	3	2	3	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	12	0	12	40 00	30	125 00	June 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	None
222	Marmora	Marmora	70	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	19	1	12	5 00	35	350 00	.....	Good	Good	Yes	None
239	Tweed	Tweed	59	3	5	3	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	10	1	12	.....	6	16 50	June 24, '03	Fair	Bright	Yes	4000 00
283	Eureka	Belleville	60	2	5	0	0	4	2	0	1	4	0	0	11	2	14	.....	15	55 00	Dec. 31, '02	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
401	Craig	Deseronto	63	8	0	7	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	11	4	15	60 00	15	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	800 00

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in this District, I desire at the outset to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of the District for the honor which they conferred upon me when they unanimously elected me to the most important office in their gift, in appreciation of which I have endeavored to discharge my duties to the utmost of my ability.

I am pleased to report that the greatest harmony prevails throughout the District, no grievances have been reported to me, and the lodges are prospering.

My first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. Thomas. D. Minnes, of Minden Lodge, No. 253, as District Secretary, to whom I am greatly indebted for the assistance he has rendered in the discharge of my duties. I appreciate very highly the courtesy and kindness with which I have been received by the brethren of the lodges on the occasion of my official visits. All the lodges have cheerfully contributed to my expenses in a most liberal manner. Every lodge has been visited once officially, while many unofficial visits have been paid to several lodges.

A Lodge of Instruction was held on the 18th February, 1903, at Kingston, and upon that occasion we were honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master. The three degrees were exemplified in a very impressive manner, and although the attendance from the lodges outside of the city was not as large as I would have wished, yet the instruction given will have a beneficial influence. I am particularly indebted to Leeds Lodge, No. 201, for valuable assistance rendered upon that Occasion.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro: Visited October

2nd, 1902. The meeting was an emergent one, called for the purpose of enabling me to visit this and Westport Lodge, No. 441, on the same journey. This lodge still retains among its members several R. W. Brethren, who are of much benefit to the lodge. I was pleased to meet V. W. Bro. Gorrell and W. Bro. Flegg, who had come over from Westport on a very dark night. The W. M., R. W. Bro. Lewis, P.D.D.G.M., conferred the first degree upon one candidate. The J. W.'s lecture was given in a most impressive manner, showing that Simpson lodge has some young men coming forward who will fill the chairs with credit to themselves and honor to the lodge.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport: Visited October 3rd, 1902. This young lodge is exceedingly fortunate in having among its members such excellent brethren as V. W. Bro. Gorrell and W. Bro. Flegg. The membership of this lodge is somewhat scattered, yet the attendance is such that it might be imitated by many town and city lodges. The W. M. resides twelve miles distant, yet rarely misses a meeting. There being no candidate present, as was expected, the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees and called from L. to R. and R. to L. in a manner which convinced me that the officers could do their work properly and impressively. Although a comparatively new lodge, they have more cash on hand than many older ones, have recently furnished their hall. Their lodge property is insured, and only a few members are in arrears.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston. Visited November 4th, 1902. This being my mother lodge, my visit was one of special interest, being still its I. P. M. I have attended its meetings frequently and seen the W. M. and officers work all the degrees so often that I am satisfied Minden may be considered as being in the front rank. On the occasion of my official visit W. Bro. Mundel conferred the first degree upon two candidates in such a manner as to impress the candidates with the solemnity of our ceremonies. On 27th December I had the pleasure of investing the newly elected officers of this lodge.

The Ancient St. John's, No. 3, Kingston: Visited November 6th, 1902. I was fortunate upon this occasion in being accompanied by R. W. Bro. F. E. O'Flynn, D. D. G.M., and Rev. Bro. A. L. Geen, Chaplain of Prince Ed-

ward District, whose presence was greatly appreciated, as well as that of several visitors from the other city lodges. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. W. J. Renton in a perfect manner. There were three candidates for advancement (who had been so well prepared that I could not refrain from congratulating them, as well as their instructor), upon whom the second degree was conferred severally by W. Bros. Renton, Dalton, and V. W. Bro. Burns in a highly satisfactory manner; indeed, it was a source of pleasure to me to see the work so well performed. At the request of the W. M., I had the pleasure of installing the newly-elected Master, W. Bro. Connell, and of investing the officers at high twelve on St. John's Day.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston. Visited November 12th, 1902. For a few years it has been my privilege to attend frequently the meetings of this lodge, and to observe with pleasure the rapid progress which has been made, and I am pleased to report that this lodge is among the most prosperous in the District, both financially and numerically. Upon the occasion of my official visit I witnessed the second degree conferred upon two candidates by the W. M., W. Bro. Jackson, and I congratulated the lodge upon the excellent manner in which the Master performed his duty. Cataraqui lodge has among its members several military brethren occupying appointed offices, whose correct movements on the floor during degree work gives it marked effect.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee: Visited November 14th, 1902. The oldest lodge but one in the District, and yet one of the most vigorous and energetic. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Among the latter I was delighted to meet my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. J. M. Smith. The hall of Union Lodge is large, beautifully furnished, and well adapted for Masonic purposes. The first degree was conferred upon a candidate, the lodge opened and closed in the second and third degrees in such a manner as to call forth well merited praise from me to W. Bro. Ruttan and his officers. Among the latter are three young men who show great promise of their ability to do splendid work when ready for advancement.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque: Visited January

13th, 1903. Accompanied by R. W. Bros. A. Shaw, R. Hendry and H. J. Wilkinson, P.D.D.G.M's, and other brethren from Kingston, I visited Leeds lodge, and with their assistance I installed the newly-elected officers. There was an unusually large number present at that meeting. This lodge is second to none in the District. Under the skillful guidance of R. W. Bro. Skinner it has made wonderful progress, and the new W. M., W. Bro. Graham, is fully competent to maintain the honorable position which Leeds Lodge, No. 201, occupies. On February 19th I had the pleasure of accompanying the M. W. the Grand Master on an official visit to this lodge, the members of which were more than delighted to have the honor of meeting him and listening to his words. There was a large number of visitors present, among whom were R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, P.D.D.G.M., as well as R. W. Bro. O'Flynn, D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District. I shall never forget the kindly hospitality and courtesy shown us on that occasion by the brethren of Leeds Lodge. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Graham and his officers in such a manner as to merit the highest praise from the M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, the Grand Master.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh: Visited February 4th, 1903. To my surprise, a dozen members of Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee, came out to the meeting, among whom were the W.M., W. Bro. Rankin, and R. W. Bro. Walters. This was a source of pleasure both to the brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge and myself. Three stalwart young men, whom I have every reason to believe will prove themselves worthy in every way, received their first degree. The work was done in a highly satisfactory manner by W. Bro. H. C. Smith, who is a chip off the old block; the various officers also performed their duties in an excellent manner. R. W. Bro. C. Anson Aylesworth is still Secretary, and while he and R. W. Bro. Longmore continue to take such an active interest in the work of this lodge, it cannot but make good progress. The hall in which the meetings are held, as well as the store underneath, are owned by the lodge, and I was pleased to hear the Trustee, R. W. Bro. Longmore, read his annual report, showing that only a comparatively small sum remains unpaid on the property.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith: Visited Febru-

ary 6th, 1903. I am pleased to report that this old lodge is keeping pace with the others in the District. There was an abundance of work, two candidates received their first, while another received the second degree, and although this was the first meeting since the new officers were installed, they performed their duties most creditably. W. Bro. Gallagher is to be congratulated on having good officers and good men joining the lodge. I was particularly struck with the excellent manner in which the candidate for the second degree had been prepared for advancement. The finances are in first-class condition, and I am pleased to say that only 4 members are in arrears.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath. Visited February 9th, 1903. Although the attendance was not large on the occasion of my visit, yet the interest manifested was all that could be desired. R. W. Bro. Smith, my predecessor, was present, as well as his son, the W. M. of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh. The third degree was conferred upon one candidate by the W. M., W. Bro. Northmore, one of the Past Masters of this lodge, but who evidently has kept in close touch with the work, as was shown by the manner in which he performs it. The officers are to be congratulated upon the correctness of their work. Only one member is over one year in arrears, which reflects much credit upon the efficient Secretary, V. W. Bro. Armstrong.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth: Visited February 13th, 1903. This is an ideal lodge, and my visit was one of the most pleasant which I have experienced. At the station I was met by W. Bro. C. R. Jones and several brethren. The occasion of my visit was of special interest to the members of Lorne Lodge, inasmuch as they had just moved into a new and comfortable hall, and this was their first meeting in the new lodge room. There was a large attendance, several visitors being present, among whom I was pleased to find W. Bro. Carscallen, the W. M. of Victoria Lodge, No. 299, and R. W. Bro. J. M. Smith, P.D.D.G.M. One candidate received his third degree. I was so delighted with the excellent manner in which W. Bro. C. R. Jones, the W.M. of the lodge, and his officers did their work that I felt it my duty to congratulate them very highly: indeed, I could find no fault whatever, although I paid strict attention throughout the ceremony. I

desire particularly to point out that this lodge is taking a deep interest in the fund which the M. W. the Grand Master proposes to raise for the relief of our sorely afflicted brethren. Fifteen members of that lodge have already contributed \$1 each, and the same forwarded to the Grand Secretary, with the list of contributors; a noble example which I hope will be copied by every lodge in this District. The membership is somewhat scattered, but the worthy Secretary expects to get every member to contribute most cheerfully, and I cannot praise too highly this noble action on the part of the brethren of Lorne Lodge. It is very refreshing to any D. D. G. M. to have the pleasure of visiting lodges so efficient as Lorne Lodge, No. 404.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa. Visited February 16th, 1903. I was accompanied on this occasion by three brethren from the Kingston lodges, and I was further delighted to meet visiting brethren from Prince of Wales, Victoria, and other lodges. The W. M., W. Bro. Adams, is an enthusiastic Mason, and he exemplified the work in the first degree in a satisfactory manner. The officers did exceedingly well, especially the S. W. The lodge was raised and closed in the three degrees in a perfect manner. Bro. Bennett is still the efficient Secretary, and he deserves credit for the manner in which he attends to his duties.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: Visited February 26th, 1903. This was an emergent meeting, but my visit to this lodge was one of the most welcome and most fraternal I had experienced. A good number of members were present, as well as a large representation from Lorne Lodge. I was agreeably surprised at the correctness in which the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. W. Bro. Carscallen is well up in his work, and I can see no reason why this lodge should not take front rank in this District. I have urged upon the brethren the necessity of meeting and attending regularly, especially when I was informed that there were four or five candidates in prospect. I am therefore looking forward to a new era of prosperity for Victoria Lodge, whose position might well be envied by other lodges. The hall in which the meetings are held is the property of the lodge; they do not owe a dollar; they have money in the bank; a good membership with only a few members in arrears, and

with such an excellent Secretary as W. Bro. Carscallen. I hope this lodge will make very material progress.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island. I regret that my visit to this lodge was not satisfactory to me nor to the lodge. No fault can be attached to any one; but unfortunately upon the date set for my visit the condition of the ice was such that it was impossible to cross over, and I telephoned to the brethren to that effect. On another occasion I went over, and although it was their regular meeting it was impossible to gather a sufficient number to open the lodge. Some were sick, and others were engaged all night in repairing an accident which had happened that day. I had a long conference with Bro. Lappen, the Secretary, and I found that the lodge is holding its own, but being situated on an island, its membership cannot be expected to increase very much.

Rideau (U. D.), Seeley's Bay: The M. W. the Grand Master having issued a dispensation for a new lodge to be held at Seeley's Bay, in the County of Leeds, and under his authority I proceeded to that village on 23rd April, accompanied by W. Bro. Dalton, Bro. Hart and W. Bro. Thos. D. Minnes, P. M., District Secretary, for the purpose of opening the new lodge. A large number had come to the meeting from Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, and from Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque, among whom were W. Bros. Phelps and Stevens, of Harmony, and W. Bros. Skinner and Graham, of Leeds. Seven petitions for initiation and one for affiliation were presented. For the special benefit of the officers of the new lodge, the brethren of Leeds Lodge, No. 201, very kindly exemplified the work in the first degree in a manner which could not be excelled. The W. M. of Rideau Lodge, W. Bro. R. C. George, returned thanks to the brethren who assisted in opening the new lodge. On June 4th I paid my official visit to this lodge, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, P.D.D.G. M.; Bro. McKinley, of Leeds Lodge, No. 201, and W. Bro. T. D. Minnes, P. M., District Secretary. It was a genuine surprise to me to notice the progress which had already been made. Four applications for membership were presented at this meeting. Three candidates received their first degree, the officers doing their work remarkably well, thus showing that they were most zealous

and energetic Masons. I sincerely hope that Grand Lodge will see fit to grant a Warrant of Constitution to this progressive young lodge at its next communication.

Before closing my report I desire to say that it is very essential that Lodges of Instruction should be held in every District, but instead of having one large lodge every year, held at some place too far away from many brethren to reach, it would be productive of more lasting benefit if two or three well skilled brethren were called into service and proceed to the different lodges and then and there impart such information as they may require.

I desire also to thank the brethren who have so kindly assisted me in the discharge of my duties, and thereby rendered my visits pleasant and profitable, so that I shall have fond recollections of the time in which I represented the M. W. the Grand Master in the Frontenac District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN NICOLLE, D.D.G.M.,

Frontenac District, No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Frontenac District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degree's conf'd		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			E. A.	F. C.				M. M.	Regular.							Emergent.	Total.										
3	A. St. John	Kingston	152	3	10	9	11	1	1	1	1	2	4	12	3	15	22	146 42	5	\$ 42 35	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 867 00		
9	Union	Napanee	105	4	3	5	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	5	17	21	205 00	13	205 00	Dec. 31, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	900 00		
92	Cataraqui.	Kingston	143	12	10	10	9	2	3	1	1	1	1	12	7	19	30	70 00	10	96 00	Dec. 26, '02.	Good	Excellent	Yes	Yes		
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	63	1	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	16	16	20 00	4	12 00	June 24 '02	Good	Fair	Yes	150 00		
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	28	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	9	9	70 00	4	26 00	Jan. 9, '03	Solvent	Improv'g	Yes	800 00		
146	Pr. of W'les	Newburgh	47	1	3	3	3	1	7	1	1	1	1	10	10	11	11	55	55	114 00	June 21, '02	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
157	Simpson	Newboro	55	2	5	3	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	10	7	17	43	20	20	111 00	Dec., 1902...	Good	Good	Yes	600 00		
201	Leeds	Gananoque	127	13	16	14	14	2	1	2	1	2	1	5	1	6	7	9	3	10 00	June 21, '02.	Good	Fair	Yes	.....	
212	Elysiun	Garden Island.	16	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	12	12	9 00	5	10 00	June 25, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	.....	
228	Pr. Arthur	Odessa	41	4	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	13	14	20	20	10 00	6	84 00	Dec. 27, '02.	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
290	Victoria	Centreville	35	5	6	6	5	1	1	2	1	1	1	11	11	10	10	10	10	70 00	June 21, '02.	Fair	Fair	Yes	150 00		
253	Minden	Kingston	81	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	10	10	70 00	10	70 00	June 21, '02.	Fair	Fair	Yes	.....	
404	Lorne	Tanworth	35	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	10	10	70 00	10	70 00	June 21, '02.	Fair	Fair	Yes	.....	
411	Westport	Westport.	31	1	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	10	10	70 00	10	70 00	June 21, '02.	Fair	Fair	Yes	.....	
U D	Rideau	Sealey's Bay	15	8	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	5	21	This Lodge	insat'd	1903	Apr 2 rd.	1903	Good	Good	Yes	

*No returns.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting my report of the condition of Masonry in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, I desire to express my sincere thanks to my brethren for electing me to the very important position of D. D. G. M., and to convey to the lodges that I have been unable to visit my sincere regret that a long and severe illness made it impossible, in the time at my disposal. I was incapacitated for about five months with a very severe attack of typhoid fever, being confined in the hospital for more than three months of that time, and at a period when I had hoped to have visited several of the lodges in the District.

I also wish to convey my sincere thanks to R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston, R. W. Bro. R. W. Watchorn and R. W. Bro. Geo. Book, P.D.D.G.M's, for the very kind and generous assistance rendered to me in visiting several of the lodges in my behalf, and to the officers and members of the lodges for the very great kindness and hospitality shown to me during my term of office.

I have submitted to the committee appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master, to rearrange the bounderies, etc., of the several districts, two propositions for the division of St. Lawrence District into two, and would earnestly recommend that this should be done, as at present constituted it is altogether too large.

My first visit was to Macoy Lodge, of Mallorytown, on January 9th, accompanied by W. Bro. W. H. Kyle, of Brockville. There was a good attendance of the members, more than fifty being present. The second degree was conferred by the retiring officers, after which I had the privilege of installing their successors. Macoy lodge is one of the best in the District, being in a healthy finan-

cial condition and having a very enthusiastic membership. I had hoped to have visited this lodge again to witness the work of the new officers, but was unable to do so, but am assured by some of the Past Masters that they are well qualified.

Accompanied by several brethren from Brockville, I paid my second visit to Central Lodge, Prescott, on February 3rd. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first conferred upon a candidate in a manner that reflected the utmost credit upon the officers. Central Lodge is particularly fortunate in having such an efficient Secretary as V. W. Bro. H. H. Wells, to whose efforts, in a large measure, is due their splendid financial standing. I had the pleasure of meeting on this occasion R. W. Bro. Geo. Rook, P.D.D.G.M.

My next visit was to Avonmore Lodge, at Avonmore, on February 11th. This lodge was granted a Warrant at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and my visit was for the purpose of presenting the same and constituting and consecrating the lodge, and to install the officers, in which I was assisted by two Past Masters of Maxville Lodge. Avonmore Lodge appears to be launched with bright prospects for the future, having a very efficient Master and officers, and a comfortable lodge room.

On July 28th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. John Menish, P.D.D.G.M., of Brockville, I visited Lansdowne Lodge at Lansdowne, and at the request of the W. M. conferred the first degree upon a candidate, the W. M. not being able to do so at the time, although since fairly proficient. I found the books of the lodge in a very unsatisfactory shape, and recommended the purchase of new ones, and being present at a meeting in April to assist in some work, I found this had been done, but the Secretary had not as yet done anything towards completing the transfer of the records. Early in June I sent for the books, and they were brought to me by the Secretary, and on a closer examination I found many irregularities and called a meeting of the lodge later, when I explained matters to the brethren. Had a committee appointed to go carefully over the books and make necessary corrections, and advised the lodge to purchase a register book and have a record made from the books of the Grand Secretary in-

served therein. The W. M. appears to be anxious for the success of the lodge, and will, I believe, have matters in much better shape for my successor.

My next visit was to Cornwall Lodge on March 4th, accompanied by W. Bro. A. Graham, of Brockville. There was about fifty members present, the second and third degrees being conferred in a manner that could not be improved upon. Cornwall lodge is particularly fortunate in the possession of a Secretary, who is not excelled, if he has an equal, in the jurisdiction, and who enjoys the unusual record of no arrearages of dues in a membership of about ninety.

Visited Lyn Lodge on March 10th, accompanied by several brethren from Brockville. There was a very good attendance of the members. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first conferred upon a candidate in a very able manner. Among those present was R. W. Bro. A. E. Cumming, P. D. D. G. M., the lodge's very efficient Secretary.

My next visit was to Rising Sun Lodge, at Athens, on March 12. There was a fair attendance of the members, but no work. The W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Purvis, owing to his professional duties, was not able to be present at the opening, the chair being taken by a Past Master of the lodge, who assured me that the Master was thoroughly capable. There appears to be disinclination on the part of the members to take office in the lodge. The present W. M., who has been in the chair for two years, would like to retire, but no one qualified will take his place. This is very much to be regretted, as Rising Sun is a very old landmark, being No. 85 on the Grand Lodge register. They have as convenient and comfortable a lodge room as can be found in the District, the dues are well paid up, and the finances of the lodge in a fair condition, but there is this lack of interest in the affairs of the lodge on the part of a majority of the members.

In company with W. Bro. W. H. Mowat, of Brockville, I visited St. James Lodge on March 16th. There was a very good attendance considering the very inclement weather. The first and second degrees were conferred, the W. M. being assisted by W. Bro. W. H. Mowat, he not being able to do all of the work himself, although I am assured shows a marked improvement since my visit.

The other officers are very good. W. Bro. W. R. Collier makes a splendid Secretary, and the finances of the lodge are very satisfactory.

My next visit was to Merrickville Lodge on March 18th, accompanied by W. Bro. A. S. Knapp, of Brockville, and W. Bro. A. G. Foster, of Smith's Falls. There was a very good attendance. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first exemplified in a manner in keeping with the high standard maintained by this lodge. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. R. W. Watchorn, P.D.D.G.M., to whose zeal is largely due the flourishing condition of the lodge. V. W. Bro. G. B. Magee, as Secretary, is a painstaking official.

I visited St. Francis Lodge, at Smith's Falls, in March 25th. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, among the latter were R. W. Bro. R. W. Watchorn and several others from Merrickville, and R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, of Kingston. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first conferred in a manner that could not be improved upon. This is the only lodge in the District where special attention is given to the musical part of our ceremonies, a feature I would like to see much more general. The prospects of St. Francis lodge are of the brightest, and they are fortunate in having the services of such an efficient Secretary as R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston.

I next visited Friendly Brothers Lodge, at Iroquois, on April 8th, there being a fair attendance of the members. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the second conferred upon two candidates in a manner that reflected the utmost credit upon the officers. The books of the lodge are well kept by Bro. A. B. Carmen, who is a very efficient Secretary. The prospects of Friendly Brothers Lodge are very bright.

On April 10th I paid a visit to Excelsior Lodge, in company with W. Bro. W. H. Kyle, of Brockville. The W. M. being absent, the chair was taken by one of the Past Masters of the lodge, and the first and third degree conferred. The work, with the exception of some of the junior officers, was very well done. The lodge has a very efficient Secretary, the books being O. K., and the dues very well paid up.

My next visit was to the lodges in Brockville, Sussex

Lodge, No. 5, and Salem Lodge, No. 368, a joint meeting on April 27th. There was a large attendance, being about 150 present. The first degree was conferred upon three candidates, the work being done in one instance by the officers of Sussex Lodge, in another by those of Salem lodge, and the other by the Past Masters of the two. I had the privilege of presenting, on behalf of Sussex lodge, a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. James S. Dodds, who expects in a short time to take up his residence in Hamilton. Both of these lodges are in a prosperous condition. There is a large arrearage of dues in Salem lodge, but with the present efforts of the W. M. and Secretary I hope to see this amount materially reduced before the expiration of the present year; indeed, very much has been done by them up to the present time.

Accompanied by W. Bro. W. H. Mowat, of Brockville, I visited Harmony Lodge at Delta on May 6th. There was a good attendance of the members. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first conferred upon a candidate in a very creditable manner. The lodge has a splendid staff of officers and a very beautifully furnished room, their affairs being in good shape.

My next visit was to Chesterville lodge on May 23rd. There was a very good attendance of the members, and among the visitors were the W. M. and several members of Henderson Lodge, of Winchester. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first conferred upon a candidate, the work being very well done. The brethren have a well furnished room, and hope to be able to secure more commodious quarters in the near future, something they are in need of, and easily able to indulge in, as they have a very nice bank account.

In company with W. Bro. W. H. Kyle I visited Crystal Fountain Lodge at North Augusta on June 3rd, there being a good attendance of the members. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first conferred in a very creditable manner, the lodge being well officered, among whom, W. Bro. Dr. W. H. Waddell as Secretary, is a very efficient one.

My next visit was made to Wales Lodge, which is working under a dispensation, on June 8th, there being a large attendance of the members. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and the first conferred in a

very able manner. The brethren have provided for themselves a very comfortable and well furnished lodge room, upon which there is a small indebtedness, the payment of which is amply secured by the terms of the lease. They have had considerable work since the dispensation was presented to them in October by W. Bro. J. G. Harkness, of Cornwall, and appear to have a bright future before them.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston, of Smith's Falls, visited True Briton's Lodge at Perth, on my behalf, on May 4th, accompanied by a delegation from St. Francis Lodge. There was a good attendance. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the third conferred upon a candidate, the work being above criticism and thoroughly creditable to all concerned. The finances are in good condition, the books well kept, the room well furnished, and everything points to prosperity.

The R. W. Bro., also on my behalf, paid a visit to Alexandria Lodge on May 22nd. There was a fair attendance. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees very fairly, and the second conferred upon a candidate, the work of the degree being well done, especially considering it was the W. M.'s first work. The books are satisfactorily kept, and the only fault to be found is the arrearages of dues, which is entirely too large for the number of members belonging to the lodge.

On April 8th R. W. Bro. Geo. Rook, of Prescott, paid a visit to Farran's Point Lodge at Aultsville, on my behalf. There was a good attendance. The W. M. having left for the west, the chair was taken by W. Bro. Fitterly, a Past Master of the lodge, who had the privilege of initiating his own son, the work being exceedingly well done. The books of the lodge are well kept, and the dues show very little arrearage. The brethren have a beautifully furnished room, and from this and other favorable conditions, I would say that their removal from Farran's Point to Aultsville was certainly a good thing.

R. W. Bro. R. W. Watchorn very kindly visited Henderson Lodge at Winchester, on my behalf, on April 7th. There was a very good attendance, among those present being the W. M. of Chesterville lodge. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the third conferred upon a candidate in a very creditable manner. The

brethren have recently removed into their new lodge room, which is one of the neatest and most comfortable in the District, and everything paid for, which reflects great credit on the lodge.

I am also indebted to the R. W. Brother for visiting Mount Zion Lodge at Kemptville on June 30th. There was a very good attendance. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first conferred upon a candidate in a very creditable manner. The books are well and neatly kept, and the financial standing of the lodge O. K. The brethren take a lively interest in the affairs of the lodge, and everything wears an air of prosperity.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, and Maxville, No. 418, I found it impossible to visit, although I hope at some future time to make the acquaintance of my brethren of these lodges, and regret exceedingly that I could not do so during my term of office.

During the year I have granted dispensations to Macoy and Friendly Brothers Lodges to install officers, and to Sussex, Harmony, Wales, Cornwall, Friendly Brothers and Maxville Lodges to attend divine service.

In conclusion I wish to again thank my brethren for the many courtesies extended to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

GEO. K. DEWEY, D.D.G.M.,

St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the following report upon the condition of Masonry in the 16th Masonic District.

When I was unanimously elected by my brethren of the Ottawa District a year ago I accepted the offer with some trepidation, and while conscious of undertaking a responsible and difficult task, nevertheless determined to endeavor, as far as my ability would permit, to fulfil the duties of my office with energy and faithfulness.

After visiting the twenty lodges in the District and reviewing my work, I have arrived at the conclusion that if I have achieved any measure of success it has been largely owing to the cordial and kindly co-operation of my brethren who have supported me by their presence in such large numbers on almost every official occasion.

I cannot too fully express my feeling of obligation to the P.D.D.G.M's, P. M's and W. M's of the city of Ottawa who have so unselfishly supported me, not only during my official visits to the seven lodges in Ottawa city, but who have also accompanied me in some cases as far as 100 miles to the lodges throughout the District. Their presence was a source of inspiration and encouragement both to these lodges and to myself.

It is with pride and gratification that I testify to the admirable manner in which the work of the Craft is carried out within the 16th District. My year of office has been an education and a revelation to me in many ways. It was a most gratifying revelation to me to find, especially among the lodges in the country districts, such efficiency among the officers, such a feeling of love and veneration for the Craft and loyalty to its principles and teachings. This has been brought home to me again and again where

the brethren do not enjoy many opportunities of seeing it or hearing the exemplification of our ceremonies by others, and improving their own thereby. I need scarcely say a word about the loyalty which I have found exists among the brethren to the Grand Lodge or the expressions of cordial welcome which have been extended to myself as its representative. The warm fraternal hand-clasp, the unmistakable glance of welcome, the right hand of fellowship, has been presented to me on all occasions.

I have partaken of the hospitality of all the lodges. I shall not, in the course of my report, allude particularly to these most pleasant and inspiring occasions, which will ever live in my memory.

My year of office has been most pleasant. It has been characterized by no disturbing element or occasion. Peace and harmony has reigned within our borders. I have had no serious or responsible decisions to render. For this I am sufficiently thankful, and trust my successor will be equally fortunate.

At the commencement of my year I appointed Rev. Bro. Norman McLeod District Chaplain, and W. Bro. John B. Wright District Secretary. To the latter I am much indebted for the valuable assistance he has given me in the performance of my duties.

I had the honor of procuring a dispensation to institute a lodge in Cobden, where I later presided at the requisite ceremonies. The lodge is provided with comfortable quarters and excellent equipment, so that I am well assured that this addition to the lodges in our District is a wise action and will prove a strong and successful lodge.

I also had the honor to represent the Grand Master in performing the ceremonies of Constitution and Dedication for Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, for which a warrant was granted at the last meeting of Grand Lodge.

This makes a total of 20 lodges in the 16th District. The number is too large, especially when they are spread over such a large area (250 miles). I have made some suggestions to the Committee on Re-adjustment of Districts, which I hope will be acted upon.

With one of two exceptions the lodges are prosperous and progressive. They are presided over by well skilled Masters, who take an evident pride in being thoroughly equipped for their duties. Indeed, I can confidently assert that the 16th District will compare favorably, both

for efficiency and practical work, with any within the jurisdiction.

In accordance with the expressed wish of the M. W. the Grand Master, I held a Lodge of Instruction in Ottawa on May 12th. The occasion was graced by the presence of our Grand Master, who seemed to be favorably impressed with the work done. Representatives of many of the lodges in the District were present, and the attendance was about 300. The Ottawa brethren testified to their loyalty and regard for the Grand Master by presenting him with a handsomely illuminated address, and altogether the occasion was a most delightful one and mutually profitable to all concerned. Several distinguished brethren, including M. W. Bro D. C. Fraser, P.G.M., of Nova Scotia, were present, and gave inspiring addresses at the banquet which followed.

W. Bro. C. H. Beddoe occupied the East in the Lodge of Instruction, and was assisted by other P. M's of city lodges.

The following deaths have been reported to me: October 20th, St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place, Bro. James Gilmour Bate; November 12th, Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Bro. W. T. Irwin, M. D.; December 26th, Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Bro. W. Watson, Tyler for seven years.

DISPENSATIONS.

St. John's, No. 21a, to install December 26th, 1902; Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, to install December 29th, 1902; Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, to install January 12th, 1903; Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, to elect and install December 27th, 1902; Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, to hold At Home January 30th, 1903, and the following to attend divine service: Goodwood Lodge, No. 159; Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433; Madawaska Lodge, No. 196; Cobden Lodge, U. D.; St. John's Lodge, No. 63; Mississippi Lodge, No. 147; Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186; Pembroke Lodge, No. 128.

Amendments to By-laws of the following lodges were approved by the Grand Master: Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264; Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371.

INSTALLATIONS.

I installed the officers of the following lodges: Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa; Doric Lodge, No. 58,

Ottawa; Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa; Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa; Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, Ottawa; Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa; Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, Hawkesbury; Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark.

Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa: Visited September 12th. This was my first official visit, and nearly 150 brethren turned out to honor the occasion. W. Bro. Putman initiated two candidates, and the work was exemplified in a most correct and impressive manner. I had nothing but words of commendation for all the officers. The J. W.'s lecture on the tracing board was admirably rendered, and the floor work by the J. D. was correctly and properly performed. The Secretary's books are well and correctly kept. The very large attendance included many distinguished brethren, among others V. W. Bro. Barlow, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England, who addressed the brethren on the work of the Mother Grand Lodge in the matter of Masonic charities, etc. The Craft in Ottawa made a special effort to extend a welcome to this distinguished Mason, and he was good enough to express his gratitude to them for making his visit to the Capital interesting and pleasant. A delightful social function closed the proceedings.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior: Visited this lodge on October 13th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. H. P. Macdonnell and Bro. Beatty, Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa. This is the home of R. W. Bro. Archibald Hood, P.D.D. G.M., whose zeal in matters pertaining to the Craft does not diminish. The W. M., W. Bro. J. White, and his officers exemplified the third degree, and their work was beyond criticism. I was much pleased with the work of the subordinate officers, who executed the movements of the floor and spoke clearly. The candidate was fully prepared for advancement, and reflected credit on his instructors. At my request the W. M. examined a recently raised brother on the work of the third degree. I have impressed the value of this examination on all the lodges. Madawaska Lodge is prosperous and progressive. The Secretary thoroughly attends to his duties. R. W. Bro. Hood presided at a pleasant function, at which the usual toasts were loyally honored.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, Hawkesbury: This

lodge having been granted a warrant by Grand Lodge, by request of the M. W. the Grand Master I acted as his deputy, performed the requisite ceremonies and installed the officers on January 9th. I was accompanied by over thirty of the Ottawa brethren on the occasion. As will be seen by the report of the Especial Communication of Grand Lodge at this place, I had a sufficient number accompanying me to form a Grand Lodge complete in every detail, and owing to their valuable assistance I was enabled to perform the ceremonies of Constitution and Dedication in a highly impressive and successful manner. I desire to acknowledge my obligation to these brethren, and more especially to R. W. Bro. H. P. Macdonnel, who took charge of the arrangements. I had the opportunity on a previous occasion of hearing W. Bro. McWaters and his officers exemplify the third degree, and they are fully qualified to carry on the work in a most satisfactory manner. At the close of the ceremonies the visitors were entertained to a delightful social function by the Hawkesbury brethren, at which R. W. Bro. E. Abbot Johnston, P.D.D.G.M., was much in evidence.

Cobden Lodge, U. D., Cobden: Visited January 30th. The brethren in Cobden having been granted a dispensation to form a lodge in that village, I had the honor of presiding at its formation on the above date. A large number of P. M's and brethren from Pembroke, Renfrew and Egansville turned out to extend their congratulations and good wishes, and the occasion was a most pleasant one. Cobden lodge commences its career under the fairest auspices. They start with 21 charter members; the W. M., Rev. Bro. M. H. Wilson is highly qualified to preside over them. Their quarters are commodious, attractive, and fully equipped for the proper exemplification of the work. I have the fullest confidence in the success and progress of Cobden Lodge.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa: Visited February 3rd. This was the largest meeting of the year so far, nearly 200 brethren being present. W. Bro. S. C. Thompson exemplified the first degree in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. W. Bro. Jas. Parrington assisted with the second candidate. The W. M. of Dalhousie Lodge is well known to the Craft in Ottawa as an excellent and capable officer, and his work on this occasion was charac-

terized by an impressiveness and precision which was pleasing and instructive to the large audience. All the other officers were well up in their work. Bro. John R. Reid's lecture on the tracing board was delivered with intelligence and exactness. Dalhousie lodge is admirably officered, the Secretary's books are well and carefully kept, and the lodge is in a prosperous financial condition.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa: I visited this lodge on February 10th. W. Bro. C. H. Beddoe presided, and his exemplification of the third degree was the ablest it has even been my privilege to witness, and drew forth encomiums from all the visitors. Civil Service is fortunate in having a W. M. whose rare gifts of mind peculiarly qualify him for the duties of his office. Under his supervision, and ably seconded by an excellent staff of officers, this lodge is most prosperous. The floor movements on this occasion were executed in an unusually correct manner, in fact, all the subordinate officers did their work well, noticeably the I. G. At my request the W. M. examined a recently raised brother, who proved to be well posted. M. W. Bro. J. B. Flint, P. G. M., Nova Scotia, was among the many distinguished guests who were present.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place: I visited this lodge on February 11th, accompanied by several P. M's from Ottawa. The brethren of St. John's received us with extreme cordiality, and the W. M., W. Bro. P. Garvin, presided over the lodge proceedings. The work was the second and third degrees, which were exemplified in a most creditable manner by all the officers. I was particularly pleased by the way in which candidates are prepared for advancement in this lodge. St. John's Lodge, No. 63, includes among its members several bright and enthusiastic Craftsmen, and the P. M's take a lively interest in its affairs. The lodge is prosperous, and the brethren believe in sharing their prosperity with others less fortunate. As an example of practical Masonry I feel that I cannot fail to mention the fact that immediately after the disastrous fire which swept away a portion of Ottawa city in May, I received from the Secretary of this lodge two cheques for \$50 each, to be presented to one of their members and the widow of a former member whose homes were demolished. This lodge has, I find, con-

tributed \$250 for relief during the year. I am proud of St. John's Lodge, No. 63.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa: I visited this lodge officially on February 17th. The work was three initiations by W. Bro. James Hill, assisted by W. Bro. H. W. Wilson, one of the most active Past Masters. I found the work well and correctly done by all the officers. I had the honor of presenting a P. M's jewel at this meeting to W. Bro. Halliday, whose work for the lodge justly merited this recognition. There was a very large attendance. Fidelity Lodge is most prosperous. I had the honor of installing the officers on June 16th, on which occasion we had the privilege of extending a fraternal welcome to a number of the brethren from Detroit who were taking a summer holiday. The newly installed W. M. of Fidelity Lodge is most capable, and under his direction its affairs are bound to prosper.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa: Visited this lodge on March 3rd, accompanied by W. Bro. John Mackay and W. Bro. Wm. Hay, of Renfrew. This lodge is under the guidance of W. Bro. Grasswell, who has a most intelligent appreciation of the work, and is well qualified to fill the chair. The work was an initiation, and W. Bro. Dr. Haentchail assisted the M. W. The work was exceedingly well done, several points relating to the ceremonies were pleasantly discussed, and my suggestions were well received. This lodge is situated at the extreme western limit of the Ottawa District, being 100 miles from Pembroke. The conditions are not altogether favorable to success, and the situation of the lodge is somewhat isolated, but Mattawa brethren are enthusiastic and have confidence in their future. The lodge is in good hands.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke: I was most cordially received on the occasion of my official visit to this lodge on March 5th. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Beddoe and Echlin, and Bro. Chamberlain, all of Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa. There was a large attendance, and the work of the evening, the first degree, was correctly and intelligently conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Alex. Morris and his officers. Pembroke Lodge is one of the most prosperous in the District, and has always been noted for efficient officers and enthusiastic Craftsmen. Bro. Gordon is an excellent Secretary. The

lodge has several Past Masters, who exhibit a lively interest in its affairs, and are always ready to assist with the work. A most enjoyable fourth degree followed the lodge ceremonies.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte: I visited this lodge on March 6th, and was well received by the Almonte brethren. I had the support of R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May and W. Bro. Beddoe, of Ottawa, and was exceedingly gratified to find quite a large deputation from St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place, who had driven over to grace the occasion and present their fraternal greetings. Under W. Bro. Washburn and his officers this lodge is progressing favorably, and has made a substantial increase during the year. The work was the third degree, which was conferred on two candidates in a manner which gave evidence of careful preparation. I was thoroughly satisfied with the work of all the officers. The Secretary performs his duties well, and the lodge room is comfortable, commodious and thoroughly up to all requirements. The visit of the neighboring brethren from Carleton Place lent a special interest to the occasion, and has, I believe, been productive of good results since, as the brethren of the two lodges joined in attending divine service on the festival of St. John in June.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa: This is my mother lodge, and I have had many opportunities of witnessing their work. On the occasion of my official visit on March 27th a very large gathering greeted me, including many visitors from other city lodges. The work of the officers was fully up to the standard, which I have always held up for Prince of Wales, and W. Bro. Pain feels justly proud of his officers. The second degree was exemplified on two candidates. The floor work of the deacons was excellent and showed careful attention to detail, as well as precision and correctness. The Secretary and Treasurer of this lodge are admirable officers, and its financial affairs are in a prosperous condition. I have no doubt for the future of my mother lodge.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa: An extremely large attendance greeted me when I made my official visit to this lodge on April 3rd. Having previously had the honor of installing the officers, regarding whom I had made confident predictions, I was pleased to see them verified by

the excellent manner in which they performed their duties. W. Bro. Dr. Argue presides over the lodge with ability and tact, and on this occasion two candidates were initiated. The whole work was conducted in a manner most creditable to all concerned. The Junior Deacon deserves special mention. Doric lodge contains several distinguished and valued Craftsmen, and under the present excellent staff of officers is making good progress. The financial position of the lodge is satisfactory, the books well kept, and bright prospects ahead.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew: Accompanied by ten of the most active and enthusiastic of the brethren in Ottawa, I received a most cordial and flattering reception from the Renfrew brethren on my official visit, April 6th. The heartiness of their welcome, combined with the excellence of their work, made this one of the most pleasant of my official visits. W. Bro. Donald Stewart presided, and there was a large attendance. The work of the evening was the first degree. I am obliged to say that this was the best exemplification of this degree which I have yet witnessed. Not only was the work of the W. M. most correct and impressive, but all of the officers acquitted themselves in a manner which almost reached absolute perfection. I took the opportunity of saying so, and was fully endorsed by the experienced brethren who accompanied me. I understand that much of the credit for the attention to details and the correctness of movements, which distinguish the work of the Renfrew brethren, is due to no small extent to the Past Masters of the lodge, who attend the practices and give the officers the benefit of their experience. R. W. Bro. Barr and W. Bro. Dickson are especially active in this matter. I am always extremely gratified to find P. M.'s taking an active interest in their lodge, and when, as in this case, the present officers are willing to profit by their advice and experience, the result cannot but be beneficial. Renfrew lodge is especially fortunate in its officers this year. All are fully equipped for their duties and take pride in performing them in the best possible manner. W. Bro. McKinnon is a model Secretary; my official relations with him have been most pleasant. A most interesting and enjoyable social function followed the lodge proceedings, at which the hospitality of our Renfrew brethren was fully demonstrated.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa: I visited this lodge on April 28. As has been the case at all my official visits in Ottawa city, there was a large attendance, and the meeting was most pleasant and interesting. Unfortunately the W. M., W. Bro. T. E. Burnside, has been called away from the city, but the lodge is in good hands, being presided over by W. Bro. W. M. Ross, who has directed the work of Chaudiere Lodge with such conspicuous ability for the past two years. Two candidates were initiated, all doing the work very correctly. The J. W.'s lecture was given with clearness and intelligence, and W. Bro. Ross' delivery of the charge was exceedingly well done. It is a pity that these beautiful charges are not memorised by more W. M's and regularly given. I had the honor of presenting a handsome P. M's jewel to W. Bro. Ross at this meeting, which all the brethren in Ottawa will agree was thoroughly merited. Bro. Saunders is a good Secretary, and Chaudiere lodge is prosperous.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond: Three P.D.D. G.M's and several enthusiasts from Ottawa accompanied me on a delightful 20 mile drive to Richmond on June 5th. We were most cordially received, and the attendance was good. W. Bro. Dr. Channonhouse occupied the chair and exemplified the third degree. The work was excellent. I was extremely pleased with the officers of Goodwood Lodge, as they labor under certain disadvantages, many of their members living a long distance from the lodge. Goodwood is perhaps the most historical lodge in the district, having been founded in 1844. It has in later years passed through periods of difficulty and depression, but a special effort has been made by the brethren to revive it, and the aggressive methods inaugurated by W. Bro. Pratt, I.P.M., and pursued by the present officers, have been crowned with complete success, and Goodwood is now in an excellent position. The attendance is increasing, and the material coming into the lodge is the very best. To W. Bro. Hugh Reilly, the estimable Secretary, is due in a very large degree the present prosperous condition. He has been indefatigable in his efforts, and now has the supreme satisfaction of being able to show that Goodwood has resumed her place as one of the best lodges in the District. The visitors and brethren were most hospitably entertained at the fourth degree,

and the Ottawa deputation wended their way home in the dawn, tired but happy.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill: I made my official visit to this lodge on June 9th. St. John's Lodge, 21a, has a most interesting history, having been formed under the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1841, and one of the last to come in under the jurisdiction of our own G. L. The lodge room, although rather small, is comfortable, the unique and ancient furniture, which was brought over from the Motherland, adding an interest to its appearance. It was feared that the establishment of a lodge in the neighboring town of Hawkesbury would make a serious inroad upon the membership; this, however, I am happy to say, has had a directly opposite effect. The efforts of the brethren have been stimulated, and during the past year they added 18 to their number, including several of the best and most prominent men in the community. R. W. Bro. E. Abbot Johnston, P.D.D.G.M., was present on this occasion, and congratulated his mother lodge on their progress. The Past Masters take an active interest, W. Bro. H. Carl Jones being especially prominent in giving assistance to the officers. The W. M., W. Bro. Robeson, initiated two candidates, and his work was extremely satisfactory. I am much pleased to find old St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, so prosperous.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433: Visited on June 8th. This lodge is making little progress, but the brethren who preside over it are capable and enthusiastic. The work on the occasion of my visit was the second degree, which was exemplified in a satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Leitch and his officers. The S. W. was especially well up in his work. The attendance was small, and I am obliged to say that the prospects of a successful lodge in Eganville are somewhat doubtful. The presiding officers are, however, anxious to show their mettle, and I trust their efforts will be followed by success.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186: Visited this lodge on June 23rd. There was no work on hand, and the W. M., Rev. Bro. McLaren, opened and closed the three degrees in a fairly accurate manner, the same being fully and pleasantly discussed. Both Wardens were unavoidably absent, but I understand they are efficient officers. This lodge works under many disadvantages, being situ-

ated in a mixed community, and most of the members live at long distances, so that the conditions are not very favorable. The warrant for Plantagenet Lodge was granted in 1867 to ten charter members. Only three survive, and I was pleased to have all three present at this meeting and still taking an interest. V. W. Bro. Chamberlain is one of these, and makes an efficient Secretary.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark: I visited this lodge and installed the officers for the ensuing year on June 24th. A number of the brethren from St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place, drove out with me, and M. Bro. Gorrell rendered me valuable assistance with the installation ceremonies. There was no work on hand, and the retiring W. M., W. Bro. Buffam, opened and closed in the three degrees. Questions were invited and several points discussed. Evergreen has had a very good year, and has made some progress in membership. Their finances are in a satisfactory condition. W. Bro. Field, a veteran member, is a good Secretary. He also holds the office of Treasurer. I pointed out to the brethren that this is unconstitutional, and expect that the new W. M. will relieve the Secretary of the dual office. The new installed W.M., Rev. Bro. McIntosh, is fully qualified to administer the affairs of the lodge, and I look for a successful year for Evergreen Lodge, No. 209.

In conclusion I wish to say that my enjoyment of the work has been thoroughly genuine, and I keenly appreciate the honor which my brethren have conferred upon me by electing me to this honorable and responsible position. I trust I have justified your confidence in some degree, and in laying down the official gavel I do so with gratitude to the brethren of the Ottawa District for having done me this honor, satisfied that I leave to my successor a District numerically and financially prosperous, and ruled over by W. M's who are well skilled in the simplification of the work.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN WILSON, D.D.G.M.,

Ottawa District, No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Ottawa District No. 16, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Degree's Conf'd		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arreayages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Regular.	Emergent.									Total.											
21a	St. John's.	Vankleek Hill.	65	18	13	11	11	3	1						13	5	18	20	\$20 00	21	\$ 64 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 200 00
52	Dalhousie.	Ottawa	116	16	15	7	9	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	11	4	15	27	85 75	32	300 00	June 24, '02	V. Bright	Yes	H. Com.	
53	Doric	Ottawa	116	8	7	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	2	13	23	5 00	30	262 75	Jan. 6, '03	Fair	Good	Yes	H. Com.
63	St. John's.	Carleton Place	145	9	7	8	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	13	3	16	33	250 00	20	150 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
122	Renfrew	Renfrew	112	6	7	6	6	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	13	2	1	26	90 00	16	61 50	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Excellent	Yes	500 00
123	Pembroke	Pembroke	135	3	5	5	5	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	11	3	17	26	20 00	24	139 25	Jan., 1903...	Good	Good	Yes	1085 00
147	Mississippi	Almonte	94	11	4	9	7	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	20	20 00	14	172 25	Dec., 1902...	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
148	Civil Serv.	Ottawa	93	13	1	7	6	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	10	3	13	26	35 00	14	451 00	May, 1903	Good	Good	Yes	H. Com.
139	Goodwood.	Richmond	80	11	2	11	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	14	16	79 75	28	438 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
177	Builders	Ottawa	148	21	5	14	13	13	7	3	2	2	2	2	12	4	16	40	41 00	26	41 00	Dec. 27, '02	Fair	Doubtful	Yes	Nil
196	Plantag nt.	Plantagenet	31	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	6	15	45 50	26	143 50	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	750 00
197	M'd'waska	Arnprior	85	5	10	3	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	12	1	13	9	...	15	165 00	June 24, '03	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
209	Evergreen.	Janark.	51	5	1	5	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	3	13	30	45 00	2	136 75	June 24, '03	Good	Bright	Yes	100 00
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	126	7	...	17	12	14	...	3	7	...	...	...	10	3	13	30	45 00	27	257 00	June 27, '02	Fair	Good	Yes	H. Com.
264	Chaudiere.	Ottawa	122	4	...	9	10	7	...	1	2	2	2	2	13	2	15	22	42 00	9	53 50	Dec. 26, '02	Good	Good	Yes	H. Com.
271	Pr. of Wales	Ottawa	86	13	7	10	12	11	3	3	4	...	...	...	10	4	14	25	40 00	30	203 50	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
295	Mattawa	Mattawa	83	2	2	2	3	1	...	3	1	...	...	...	11	13	13	10	50 00	8	33 25	Jan. 12, '03	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00
343	Bonnech e.	Eganville	45	6	4	6	10	10	2	2	...	...	...	...	11	5	16	16	5 00	...	...	...	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
450	Hawkesb'y	Hawkesbury	45	8	2	6	10	10	2	2	...	...	...	...	11	5	16	16	5 00	...	...	June 30, '02	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
UD	Cobden	Cobden	29	8	...	8	4	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	5	2	7	19	...	...	...	...	...	Good	Yes	200 00

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have great pleasure to submit this, my official report, as District Deputy Grand Master, on the condition of Masonry in Algoma District, No. 17.

I have to thank the brethren of this large and extensive District of Algoma, No. 17, for the great honor conferred on me in electing me to the high office by a unanimous vote of the lodges in the District, and I may mention that my District extends from east to west about 1,500 miles, including also the town of Fort Francis, a distance of 180 miles from the town of Rat Portage. It is now twenty-one years since I became a resident of this District, and I organized the first Masonic lodge west of Port Arthur, known as Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, which originally held a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, but after the settlement of the boundary dispute the lodge was transferred to the Grand Lodge of Canada. There are nine lodges in this District, and eight of these lodges were represented at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the only exception being Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Rat Portage, and I appreciated the high honor and endeavored to perform my duties to the best of my ability. On assuming office I decided to visit the several lodges in this District twice, which I have done with a few exceptions, and several of the lodges three times, which I consider a great effort on my part, but at the same time I considered it my duty to devote the time I have done in this District.

I appointed a District Chaplain and District Secretary, and for District Chaplain I selected Rev. Bro. Edward H. Capp, of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie, who has filled the office with credit to himself and the District.

I appointed as my District Secretary V. W. Bro. F. C. Perry, P. M. of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, and at present Secretary of Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William, one of the most enthusiastic and zealous brothers in the District.

After visiting all the lodges in my District, I am pleased to record the fact that Masonry generally throughout the District and New Ontario is in a prosperous and flourishing condition socially, morally, financially and numerically.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

I will now give an official report of my visits to the nine lodges in my District:

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie: I visited this lodge on Wednesday, the 6th August, 1902, and was received cordially by the W. M., W. Bro. W. J. Thompson. On that occasion I was accompanied by my esteemed brother, R. W. Bro. R. H. Knight, P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bros. Wey and Roberts, W. Bro. Roberts having come a distance of twelve miles to meet me. There were over sixty members and visitors present on that occasion, and also Bro. Rev. F. T. Tapscott, an old and personal friend. The W. M. passed the lodge to the second degree, and also raised the lodge to the third or sublime degree of Master Mason in an impressive manner, and closed the lodge in the several degrees. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, when a happy and enjoyable evening was spent. There were a number of speeches, and enlivened with songs from a number of the brethren present. This is one of the largest and most prosperous lodges in the District, and I may state that during the past year the lodge has held a large number of regular and emergent communications, and a large number of new members have been admitted to the lodge, and the W. M. and officers are proficient in the work, and the lodge is in a prosperous condition. I was pleased and delighted with my visit, which will be long remembered by me.

Dymont Lodge, No. 442, Thesallon: I visited this lodge on Monday, 4th August, 1902, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. A. E. Dymont, M.P., P. G. J. W., and received by the W. M., W. Bro. George Shaw and the officers of the lodge. The W. M., at my request, raised

the lodge to the third degree in a creditable manner. The W. M. conferred the second or Fellow Craft degree on a candidate, and the W. M. and officers are proficient in the work. I was pleased with my visit to this lodge and with the able assistance of our distinguished brother, R. W. Bro. A. E. Dymont, this lodge is bound to prosper and flourish. I may also state that this lodge have three clergymen on the roll of members, one Presbyterian, and two Church of England clergymen, and this fact alone is sufficient to show that the principles of Freemasonry will be inculcated in the hearts of the brethren. The lodge being closed, an enjoyable evening was spent at the festive board, and a happy time was enjoyed by all present. This lodge is in the extreme east of my District and 1,200 miles from my home.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin: I visited this lodge on Friday, 7th November, 1902, and was received by the W. M., W. Bros. Jones and Robinson, officers and members of the lodge, with Grand Honors. I was pleased to visit this lodge, as many of the Past Masters I had the honor of initiating into Masonry, and many happy evenings I have enjoyed with my brethren of this lodge. The first degree was conferred upon a candidate in a first-class manner. The charge was delivered to the candidate by W. Bro. John Walls, which was well done, and I congratulated the W. brother for the impressive manner he delivered the charge. The work in this lodge is well done and a credit to the lodge and officers, and I am in a position to express my opinion, as I have been a frequent visitor to this lodge for many years. This is one of the prosperous and flourishing lodges in the District. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where an enjoyable evening was spent. At the request of the W. M. of the lodge I had the honor to install the officers of the lodge on St. John's day, 27th December, 1902, and a pleasant time was held. I have also arranged to make an official visit to this lodge on Friday, the 3rd July, 1903, and will have the honor of seeing the third degree conferred. W. Bro. R. H. Gilchrist is the present W. M., and he is supported by competent brethren as officers. I desire to tender my sincere thanks to this lodge for the many acts of kindness extended to me by this lodge for the past 15 years, and I have no doubt that

this lodge will continue to prosper in future as it has done in the past.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Rat Portage: I visited this lodge officially at the regular communication of the lodge held on Wednesday, 4th March, 1903. W. Bro. John Brexchley, W. M. of the lodge, in the chair. The W. M. initiated a candidate and passed the lodge to the Fellow Craft degree and conferred the Fellow Craft degree upon a candidate in a creditable manner. I visited this lodge again on Wednesday, 3rd June, 1903, being the election of officers, when the W. M. and Wardens were re-elected. I visited the lodge officially on Wednesday, the 24th June, 1903, being the festival of St. John the Baptist, and a pleasant time was held. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, when refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was spent. I am well acquainted with this lodge and conversant with the affairs of the lodge, having been the first W. M. 21 years ago. I never missed a meeting of the lodge during all that time, excepting attending Grand Lodge or in case of sickness, and I can say with pride that this lodge continues that prosperity which it has held for the last 21 years. As the Masonic hall was destroyed by fire on the 3rd of January, 1902, a new Masonic hall has been erected, and the lodge has furnished the new hall in elegant style and handsome manner, and reflects great credit upon the lodge, and this lodge is one of the best lodges in the District.

Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Rat Portage: I notified the W. M. that I would visit the lodge on Wednesday, the 8th April, 1903, and on that evening I attended the lodge to make my official visit, but on my arrival there was not a sufficient number of brethren present to open the lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. Nelson Schnan, received me, and after waiting for over an hour none of the other officers arrived, and I could not therefore visit the lodge in my official capacity, as I desired to do. I wrote W. Bro. Nelson Schnan, the W. M. of the lodge, advising him that I was desirous of making an official visit to the lodge before the annual communication of Grand Lodge, and on the 11th May, 1903, I received a letter from the W. M. informing me that he would call a meeting at any time to receive me on my official visit, and

I replied that I would visit the lodge at the regular communication of the lodge on Wednesday, 10th June, 1903. According to the arrangement I attended the lodge on that evening to make my official visit, and as on the former occasion there were not a sufficient number of brethren present to open the lodge, and accordingly no meeting was held. This is the only lodge in the large and extensive District of Algoma that I have not been able to visit, and the fault is with the members of the lodge, who do not take sufficient interest to attend the regular communications of the lodge. I regret since then that I have not been able to get a meeting of the lodge, and I am not in a position to report as to the efficiency of the work, but so far as I can learn the W. M. can perform the work. I may state that since the fire of the Masonic hall on 3rd January, 1902, this lodge has held few meetings, and two of their meetings were for the election and installation of officers, for both of which dispensations were issued by the M. W. the Grand Master. I hope and trust that my successor will be more successful than I have been to get a meeting when he makes his official visit.

On the 16th May, 1903, I left for Fort Francis, a distance of 160 miles from Rat Portage, to make my official visits to Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Francis, and the lodges in Fort William and Port Arthur, and in order to do so I travelled by steamboat and rail about 700 miles.

Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Francis: I visited this lodge on Monday, 18th May, 1903, when I was cordially received by the W. M., officers and members of the lodge. W. Bro. D. J. Gillon, W. M. of the lodge, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members and visitors present on the occasion. I was introduced by W. Bro. C. J. Hollands, an old and esteemed brother, and received the Grand Honors. The W. M. initiated a candidate in a creditable manner. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, when a banquet was held in the usual style characteristic to the brothers of Granite lodge, and a happy evening was enjoyed by all present. I visited the lodge a second time on my return to Rat Portage from Fort William, on Wednesday, 27th May, 1903. W. Bro. W. A. Baker, in the absence of the W. M., occupied the chair on that occasion, and with the assistance of W. Bros. C. J. Hollands and Floyd, raised

two candidates to the third or sublime degree of Master Mason. The lodge has recently purchased a central lot in the town of Fort Francis for the erection of a Masonic hall, and is in a prosperous condition, financially and otherwise.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William: I visited this lodge on Wednesday, the 20th May, 1903, and was well received by the officers and members of the lodge. W. Bro. J. T. Hollengshed, W. M., in the chair. The W. M. initiated a candidate and conferred the Fellow Craft degree on two candidates. This is also a prosperous lodge, and the W. M. is an enthusiastic Mason, and performs his work in a creditable manner. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and the work generally was well done. I had also an opportunity of being present and listening to the W. M. conferring the third degree upon a candidate at the Lodge of Instruction held in Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, on the 26th May, 1903, and I can testify to the fact that the W. M. is a capable and efficient officer. After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, when a banquet was held and speeches and songs were in order, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present. This lodge has a beautifully furnished hall, and the lodge is in a prosperous and flourishing condition.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur: I visited this lodge on Thursday, 21st May, 1903, and the W. M., W. Bro. D. G. Wallace Brown was in the chair. I was introduced by R. W. Bros. A. W. Thompson and W. C. Dobie, P.D.D.G.M's, and was duly received with Grand Honors. This is the first lodge instituted in the District of Algoma, and obtained their warrant as far back as 1873, thirty years ago, and for many years this lodge was the only lodge in the District. The lodge is in a prosperous financial condition. The Masonic hall is owned by the lodge, and the furnishings are in keeping with the enterprise and energy of the officers and members of the lodge. I visited this lodge twenty years ago in a private capacity, and the lodge has increased considerable in members, and the W. M., officers and members of the lodge are to be congratulated in the beautiful hall and the success and prosperity of the lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. Dr. G. Wallace Brown, and also W. Bro. H. A. McKib-

bon, I.P.M., entertained me in a hospitable manner and made my visit to Port Arthur an agreeable and pleasant one. The W. M. initiated a candidate, and the work done by all the officers was first-class. The J. W., Bro. Armstrong, delivered the charge to the candidate in the first degree in a creditable manner. W. Bro. John Ritchie is the Secretary of this lodge, and as such performs his duties well, and the lodge should be congratulated in obtaining the services of such a Past Master as Secretary. I may state that at the time of my arrival in Rat Portage, twenty-one years ago, this was the only lodge west of Lake Superior. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a grand banquet had been prepared. Speeches were in order, and I was pleased to listen to the speeches, particularly of W. Bro. Mitchell and Bro. Wadsides, the only remaining two charter members of the lodge, and it was a great pleasure to listen to the reminiscences as delivered by these brethren for the last thirty years and the difficulties the lodge had to contend with in the many years past. R. W. Bro. W. C. Dobie, P.D.D.G.M., was present, and stated he was the first candidate initiated in the lodge, and his remarks were well received. This lodge is in a prosperous and good financial condition, and is a credit to this District and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William: I visited this lodge on Friday, 22nd May, 1903, and the W. M., W. Bro. James McLaren, and the officers and members of the lodge received me in a fraternal spirit. I was interested in the formation of this lodge, and consequently took a special interest in visiting the lodge. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Alfred McDougall, P.D.D.G.M. The W. M., W. Bro. James McLaren, was in the chair, and my esteemed brother, V. W. Bro. F. C. Perry, who is Secretary, was also present. This is the youngest lodge in the District, and the lodge room is furnished beautifully and with good taste and a credit to the lodge. The Masonic carpet particularly is a beautiful work of art, and I cannot express myself in terms strong enough at the lovely lodge room, and I am pleased that I took the part I did in obtaining a dispensation and warrant for this lodge. W. Bro. James McLaren raised the lodge to the third degree and conferred the third or sublime degree of a Master

Mason on a candidate in a first class manner, and I may also state that all the officers of the lodge are well versed in the work of the lodge. I was delighted with my visit, and I can state that the lodge will be a credit to this District and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

GRAND MASTER'S VISIT.

On Monday, 25th May, 1903 (Victoria day), W. Bro. James McLaren, W. M., and W. Bro. C. J. Jackson, I.P. M. of Royal Lodge, and W. Bro. Perry and myself formed a deputation to meet the M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, K. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, on the arrival of the steamer Manitoba, at Fort William. We had the pleasure of giving a cordial reception to the M. W. the Grand Master and entertained him to a drive through the town of Fort William, which was pleasant and enjoyable. In the evening the M. W. Bro. the Grand Master opened an emergent communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic hall, Fort William, and instituting Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William. I had the honor of acting as D. G. M., and the other officers were R. W. Bro. A. W. Thompson, acting G. S. W.; R. W. Bro. S. W. Ray, acting G. J. W.; R. W. Bro. W. C. Dobie, acting Grand Registrar; R. W. Bro. Alfred McDoyall as acting Grand Treasurer, all P.D.D.G.M's, and V. W. Bro. F. C. Perry, acting Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge having been called off, W. Bro. James Perry, acting Director of Ceremonies, introduced the officers of Grand Lodge to the W. M., officers and members of Royal Lodge, No. 453, and were received with Grand Lodge Honors. There were at least 150 Masons present on that occasion. The M. W. Bro. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers took their respective places. The Grand Master, assisted by the other Grand Lodge officers, proceeded to dedicate the new Masonic hall and lodge room, and the ceremonies were impressive and imposing. After the ceremonies had been completed the Grand Master expressed himself pleased with the beautiful lodge room and the furnishings therein, and at the same time stated he was anxious that a fund should be established to assist distressed brethren, and his remarks were received with a hearty response from the brethren. After Grand Lodge had returned

from Royal lodge, and the Grand lodge and Royal lodge were closed respectively, the brethren adjourned to the Hotel Kaministiquia, where a grand banquet had been prepared. At the request of the W. M. of Royal lodge I had the honor of occupying the chair on that occasion, which was a pleasant duty. During the course of the evening W. Bro. C. J. Jackson, I. P. M. of Royal Lodge, and on behalf of the lodge, presented the M. W. Bro. the Grand Master with a beautiful gold locket as a memento of his visit to Fort William. The Grand Master made a feeling reply. The usual Masonic toasts were prepared and responded to by the distinguished brethren present. R. W. Bro. S. W. Ray stated he had returned earlier from New York than he intended to meet the M. W. Bro. the Grand Master. The visit of the Grand Master was a great benefit in the interest of Freemasonry in the District of Algoma, and I feel proud that during my term of office that this District should have the honor of an official visit, for the first time, of the distinguished brother, the M. W. Bro. the Grand Master, and the visit will not only be a great impetus to Masonry in this District, but will be long remembered as one of the brightest and best years in this great District.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

On Tuesday, the 26th May, 1903, I held a Lodge of Instruction in the Masonic hall, Port Arthur, under the auspices of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, and was largely attended by members of the Craft in Port Arthur, Fort William and other places. W. Bro. James McLaren and the officers of Royal Lodge, No. 453, exemplified the first degree. W. Bro. D. G. Wallace Brown and the officers of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, exemplified the second degree, and W. Bro. J. T. Hollingshead and the officers of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, exemplified the third degree. The work generally was well done, and several questions were asked and answered by several brethren present, and the Lodge of Instruction was a happy and enjoyable one and a great success. I have also arranged with Keystone Lodge, No. 412, to hold a Lodge of Instruction at Sault Ste. Marie on Wednesday, 8th May, 1903, when I will be present on the occasion. I may state that these are first Lodges of Instruction held

in Algoma District, and certainly will be a great benefit to Masonry in Algoma District.

BY-LAWS.

On 21st November, 1902, I received from Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie, for approval of the M. W. Bro. the Grand Master, an amendment to the by-laws increasing the initiation fee, which were duly approved and confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master. On 22nd April, 1903, the by-laws of Royal Lodge, No. 453, were forwarded to me for the approval and confirmation of the M. W. the Grand Master, and which were duly approved and confirmed. I am pleased to say that the by-laws of Royal Lodge are a model, and the brethren who prepared the by-laws deserve great credit for doing so, and I take this opportunity of stating that the by-laws of Royal lodge, respecting life membership, is one that I should desire to see adopted in all lodges in this jurisdiction.

NEW LODGE.

On 25th May, 1903, I received a petition for a new lodge at Rainy River, a rising and prosperous town in this District, and as I was personally acquainted with nearly all the brethren, and the petition having been duly recommended by Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Francis, with the seal of the lodge attached thereto, and the W. M. nominated as the first W. M., W. Bro. Donald Robertson being an old Past Master of Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, and competent to conduct the affairs of the lodge successfully, I recommended to the M. W. Bro. the Grand Master to issue a dispensation therefor, and on the 29th May, 1903, the M. W. Bro. the Grand Master was pleased to issue a dispensation. The lodge is named Ionic Lodge, and the brethren are active and true Masons, and I have no doubt the lodge will be a credit to the Grand Lodge of Canada. On the 15th June, 1903, I received the dispensation from the Grand Secretary, but I have not yet been able to organize the lodge, as the brethren are building a new Masonic hall and furnishing the same, and the brethren desired to have the Masonic hall completely finished and furnished and the lodge regalia purchased and procured before the organization of the lodge. I will have the lodge organized as soon as possible. I am of the opinion

that the new lodge will prosper and flourish. When the new lodge is organized I will report the same to the M. W. the Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATIONS.

The M. W. Bro. the Grand Master issued dispensations to Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Rat Portage, to elect officers on 18th December, 1902, and also to install their officers in the 11th February, 1903, and I have issued dispensations to Fort William Lodge, No. 415, and Keystone Lodge, No. 412, to attend divine service on Sunday, 21st June, 1903, and also to Dymment Lodge, No. 442, to attend divine service on Sunday, 28th June, 1903, and the fees therefor has been paid. Some time ago Mr. Robert Jackson, Port Caldwell, who was initiated about 18 years ago in the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, made application to be healed and affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and I forwarded his application, with the correspondence connected therewith, to the Grand Secretary for the consideration of the M. W. Bro. the Grand Master. The Grand Secretary forwarded to me the necessary petition to be signed, which I forwarded to Mr. Jackson, who returned the same to me, which was recommended by three prominent Masons of Port Arthur, and which I forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and on the 13th June, 1903, I received from the Grand Secretary a dispensation to heal Mr. Jackson in one of the private lodges in this District and report the same to the Grand Secretary. As Port Caldwell is over 300 miles from Rat Portage I have not yet been able to heal Mr. Jackson in terms of the dispensation, but I have managed to do so in Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Rat Portage, on Monday, 6th July, 1903, and when I have performed the ceremony of healing Mr. Jackson I will at once notify the Grand Secretary and forward to him a certificate to that effect.

DIVISION OF DISTRICT.

I believe it is the intention of the Grand Lodge to divide this District, which I consider is the proper action to take, but still I regret that Keystone Lodge, No. 412, and Dymment Lodge, No. 442, will be taken from this District and placed in a new or another District, as both of these lodges are a credit to the Grand Lodge of Canada, but what is

this District's loss is another's gain, and I am proud to be able to say that I have the honor of being the last District Deputy Grand Master of this large and extensive District, and in years to come I will look back with pride and pleasure when I occupied this honorable position, which will never be effaced from my memory. I may state that during the past year I have travelled over 3,000 miles to perform my duties, and the expense and time occupied is a great sacrifice, but so far as I am concerned it has been a great pleasure.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The clerical work of my office has been considerable. This has been a great pleasure, and the character of my correspondence has been of the most pleasant description. The Secretaries of the several lodges in this District have been punctual in forwarding to me the notices of all regular and emergency meetings of the lodges during the past year, and been prompt in answering all communications, and the success and prosperity of this District is due to the fact of the able work performed by the several Secretaries. During the past year my correspondence has been very great, but at the same time my work has been one of love. I may also report during the past year I have had to deal with no trouble, but the best of harmony and brotherly feeling exists in this District, and my great desire is that the same will long continue and happiness will reign for ever more.

DEATHS.

The grim reaper of death has entered our Masonic home, and I regret to report the death of five brethren of this District and one brother from Port Hope, who were all buried with Masonic honors. Bro. Rupell Words, a Master Mason and a member of Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, for twenty-one years. I may state that this brother was the first candidate initiated by me in Pequonga Lodge, No. 414. He was beloved by all, and I believe had not an enemy. He was accidentally drowned on 25th August, 1903, and buried with Masonic honors on the 31st August, 1903. Bro. R. J. Armstrong, a Master Mason and a member of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, died on the 20th and buried with Masonic honors on September 21st, 1902. This brother was engaged on the Canadian

Pacific Railway Company, and the large number of brethren that attended his funeral testified to the esteem in which he was held. Bro. E. C. Carpenter, a Master Mason, and also a member of Fort William Lodge, No. 415. This brother was also buried with Masonic honors on the 26th November, 1902, and was held in high esteem by the brethren. Bro. W. J. Hastings, a Master Mason and a member of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, and was buried with Masonic honors on 9th March, 1903. R. W. Bro. W. G. Coulter, of Port Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope, died at Sault Ste. Marie, and was buried with Masonic honors by Keystone Lodge, No. 412, on 21st February, 1903. May these brethren rest in peace, and that we will meet all our departed brethren in the Grand Lodge above.

They do but slumber in the dust,
While angels guard their sacred trust,
Till all the bodies of the just
In glory rise.

The labors of these brethren being ended, let us extend to the relatives and friends of our departed brethren our sincere sympathies in their affliction, and may the Great Architect of the Universe protect the widows and beloved children.

THANKS.

I have to tender my sincere thanks to M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, K. C., Grand Master, for the kind and valuable advice given to me in the discharge of my official duties, and particularly honoring this District with an official visit to Fort William to dedicate Royal Lodge, No. 453, and the kindness bestowed by him on that occasion to me personally will ever be a bright spot in my Masonic life, and may his life be of long and continued prosperity. I have also to express my thanks to the Grand Secretary and his assistant for the prompt reply to all my communications and advice on all occasions when required, and it is with great regret that I have received the sad intelligence of the death of M. W. Bro. John James Mason, a brother who was loved and known throughout the breadth of not only this jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, but the Masonic Grand Lodges of the world. I have known M. W. Bro. John James Mason personally for 28

years, and during all that time he was a true friend and adviser to the Masonic Craft and to myself personally. I have also to tender my sincere thanks to my District Secretary, V. W. Bro. F. C. Perry, for his acts of kindness and assisting me in the discharge of my official duties, and also to the several W. M's and Secretaries of the several lodges in the District, and also for the information to assist me in preparing the tabulated statement attached to this report.

And now my labors as District Deputy Grand Master for Algoma District, No. 17, is over. I have endeavored to perform my duties to the best of my skill and ability in my own way. If I have not done so, I ask the brethren to forgive me, and to extend to me the broad mantle of Masonic charity, and I retire from this honorable position, I believe, having the confidence of my brethren, and in years to come I will look back with pride and pleasure to the many happy and pleasant evenings I have enjoyed with my brethren in this District, and may the District of Algoma and the Grand Lodge of Canada prosper and flourish in the future as they have done in the past, and let us stand and be true to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry and invoke the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe on all our undertakings through life for ever and ever.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN KERR BRYDON, D.D.G.M.,

Algoma District, No. 17.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg to submit a supplementary report as District Deputy Grand Master of Algoma District, No. 17.

On Monday, the 6th July, 1903, I visited officially Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, and there was a large attendance of Past Masters, officers and members of

the lodge, and also a large number of visitors. W. Bro. Dr. G. Wallace Brown occupied the chair and received me in a Masonic manner as D.D.G.M. The W. M. passed the lodge to the Fellow Craft degree and examined two candidates who were desirous of being raised to the third and sublime degree of Master Masons. The W. M. thereafter raised the lodge to the third degree, and I assumed the gavel and informed the brethren that Mr. Robt. Jackson, merchant, Port Caldwell, who had been 18 years ago initiated as a Freemason in the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, had made application to the M. W. Bro. the Grand Master, to be healed and received as an unaffiliated Freemason of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The M. W. Bro. the Grand Master was pleased to issue a dispensation to me, dated 10th June, 1903, to heal Mr. Jackson in one of the private lodges in my District, as he desired to affiliate with Shuniah Lodge, No. 287. I arranged with the W. M. to call a meeting to heal Mr. Jackson, which he was pleased to do. The W. M. and myself had examined Mr. Jackson, and found that he had received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. Mr. Jackson having been admitted into the lodge, I administered to him the obligation as required by the Grand Lodge in the presence of a large number of members of the Craft. After the ceremonies had been completed Bro. Jackson thanked the M. W. the Grand Master and the officers and members of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, and myself personally, for having healed him after so many years, and that he would endeavor to conduct himself that he would be an honor to the fraternity. Bro. Jackson is well known in Port Arthur, and will be a useful and honorable member of the Craft. I was pleased to heal Bro. Jackson, and to admit him as a member of our honorable fraternity, and can honestly say that Bro. Jackson will be an honor to the Craft. The W. M. and officers of the lodge thereafter conferred the third or sublime degree on two candidates in a creditable manner. The lodge was closed in the several degrees, and I was pleased with the work in this lodge, and as such is a credit to the W. M. and officers. I desire to say that I have visited this lodge officially on three several occasions as District Deputy Grand Master.

On Wednesday, the 8th July, 1903, I officially visited

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, for the second time. I had on this occasion previously arranged to hold a Lodge of Instruction. I was received with Grand Honors, and was pleased to see the large number of Past Masters, officers and members of the lodge and visitors present on that occasion. There were over 100 members of the Craft present. W. Bro. C. V. Campbell, W. M. of the Lodge, occupied the chair. There was also present W. Bros. W. J. Thompson, I. B. Wey, Dr. McLing, R. Nichol and others. The third degree was exemplified by the W. M. and officers of the lodge in a creditable manner. It was pleasing to me to see the Past Masters all taking part in the work, and the work was perfect in every respect. I was particularly pleased with the work of the Deacons, Bros. Simpson and Green. I can say that it is many years since I had the pleasure of seeing the work of the Deacons of a lodge so well performed. Bro. H. P. Broughton is the energetic Secretary of this lodge, and performs his duties in a careful manner, and the lodge should be congratulated on having such a Secretary. After the degree had been exemplified several brethren asked questions and answered, and explanations were also made by several Past Masters present. W. Bro. Dr. McLing gave the brethren valuable information. This is the largest lodge in the District of Algoma, and I feel proud to have such a lodge in my jurisdiction. There are over 180 members of the Craft in good standing, and during the past year the lodge has held 47 meetings, which will be apparent that the lodge is in a prosperous condition financially and otherwise. The lodge has recently entered into possession of a new Masonic hall, which has been elegantly furnished, and I believe the hall will compare with any Masonic hall of any lodge in this jurisdiction. I could not but admire the great taste that had been displayed, and the ante-rooms and banquet hall are certainly, to my mind, perfect in every respect. The hall was dedicated by the M. W. the Grand Master on 27th May, 1903, and the Grand Master, I have no doubt, will refer to the Masonic hall of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, in his address to Grand Lodge. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, when refreshments were served, and all present had an enjoyable evening, and I can, with pleasure, report that one of the hap-

piest evenings of my life was enjoyed with the brethren of Keystone lodge. I regret exceedingly that it is possible that the lodge will be taken from this District and placed in another or new District, but the Grand Lodge may be pleased to have such a lodge, and I desire to express my opinion that the lodge will continue to prosper and flourish for many years to come, and I will look back with pleasure, as the last D. D. G. M. of this large and prosperous District.

In conclusion I have again to thank the officers and Secretaries of the several lodges in assisting me to perform my official duties, and my great desire is that Masonry in the Grand Lodge of Canada and this District will prosper and New Ontario will be one of the greatest Masonic centres in the world.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN KERR BRYDON, D.D.G.M.,
Algoma District, No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership. conf'd			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.			B. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Decrease during year.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.														Total.	Regular.	Emergent.									
287	Shuniah ...	Port Arthur ...	7	...	9	109	...	9	10	9	...	2	5	4	...	...	...	2	13	8	21	20	\$20 00	25	\$ 374 14	Dec. 23, '02	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	\$300 00
412	Keystone...	S't Ste. Marie.	39	...	27	180	...	33	15	15	...	1	6	4	1	...	...	1	12	33	45	27	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	12 00 0
415	Ft. William	Fort William..	14	...	19	64	...	19	15	1	...	1	6	6	4	...	...	2	14	15	29	22	149 40	9	150 60	June 24, '03	V'y Good	V'y Good	Yes	500 00
414	Pequaga ...	Rat Portage...	...	...	2	106	...	9	5	...	...	...	...	1	6	8	...	1	13	4	17	15	14 00	26	399 80	Jan. 3, 1903	V'y Good	Excell'nt	Yes	60 00
417	Keewatin...	Keewatin.....	...	...	1	59	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	14	...	14	12	10 00	19	32 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	50 00
445	Lake W'ds	Rat Portage...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
446	Grant	Fort Frances..	9	...	5	56	...	5	3	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	12	6	18	15	25 00	...	80 50	Dec. 27, '02	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
442	Dymont...	Thessalon....	9	...	5	76	...	8	10	13	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	14	11	25	21	40 00	6	56 50	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
453	Royal	Fort William..	9	...	6	36	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	12	5	17	15	...	...	7 10	June 24, '03	Good	F't Class	Yes	600 00

NIPISSING DISTRICT, NO. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Nipissing District No. 18, permit me to first express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the high office of D.D.G.M. of this District, and to return my thanks to the officers and brethren of the lodges throughout the jurisdiction for the universal and unfailing courtesy with which I was received when on my official visits. The wide extent of Nipissing District, and the difficulty of making proper train connections obliged me to request several lodges to call emergent meetings for my official visit, and the cheerfulness with which they complied was a source of great pleasure to me. Although scattered over a great extent of country, I found that the lodges are knit together with the true fraternal and Masonic feeling and that their aim is to advance the true interests of Masonry in the District. I had much pleasure in procuring for R. W. Bro. H. L. Barber, P.D. D.G.M., the regalia which his services to the District during his year so merited and presenting it to him.

My first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. Rev. Wm. Anderson as District Chaplain, and Bro. T. H. Connor as District Secretary, and I much appreciated the assistance they rendered me.

Masonry in general is progressing favorably, and all the lodges in the District except one show an increase in membership. The officers in the various lodges I found well skilled and efficient, and altogether the interest taken in the work is commendable and ensures the good government of the lodges for years to come. The net increase in membership in the year is 105, giving us now a membership of 750 in the District, and this alone speaks

for the interest taken in the Craft work and the rapidity with which it is extending its principles among our people.

During the year I have granted dispensations to attend divine service clothed as Masons to Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay; Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale, and Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville, and just in this connection I approve heartily of the attending of divine service at least once each year clothed as Masons. It evinces to those who criticise our Order that we are humble servants of the Most High, and that to Him we bow in all things and accept His rule as to the guide of our actions through life.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Two Lodges of Instruction were held during the year, at Bracebridge, under the warrant of Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, and at North Bay, under the warrant of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420. At both the Lodges of Instruction the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, was present, and under his skilled guidance the lodges were an unqualified success. The lodge at Bracebridge was held on the 14th January, 1903, and the work was exemplified by Muskoka lodge, No. 360, in a first degree. Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, in a second degree, and Unity Lodge, No. 376, in a third degree. The work was particularly well put on, and the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to congratulate the brethren on being so well skilled. At the Lodge of Instruction were registered brethren from Granite Lodge, No. 352; Muskoka Lodge, No. 360; Unity Lodge, No. 376; Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409; Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, and Corona Lodge, No. 454, and I found afterwards, on my official visits to the above lodges, that this Lodge of Instruction was a perfect factor in securing that uniformity of work so much to be desired. At the Lodge of Instruction at North Bay, held on 16th January, 1903, there were present brethren from Nipissing Lodge, No. 420; Strong Lodge, No. 423; Nickel Lodge, No. 427; Powassan Lodge, No. 443, and Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447. The work exemplified was the first degree by Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge; the second degree by Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, Sturgeon Falls, and the third

degree by the junior officers of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, with the W. M's work taken between R. W. Bro. J. H. Shearer, P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bro. A. J. Whetby, P.G.S.D., and W. Bro. McConkey. The work of all was good, showing the pains taken to conform to the established customs, and while all were well worthy of praise I particularly wish to mention the work of the W. M., W. Bro. Stinson and the Wardens and unior officers of Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge. Strong Lodge is the only lodge to show a decrease in membership this year, but the work as exemplified by the officers of this lodge was particularly good, and I have hopes that their enthusiasm and good work will re-animate Strong Lodge and make it what it should be, a good, strong, healthy lodge of active Masons. After each Lodge of Instruction the fourth degree was exemplified, and in enjoying the good things provided by Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, and Nipissing Lodge, No. 429, most enjoyable evenings were spent. Both lodges were at great pains and expense to make everything in connection with the Lodges of Instruction pleasant and enjoyable, and W. Bro. Cochrane, of Muskoka, and W. Bro. Cobb, of Nipissing, deserve all credit for the success of the gatherings. I cannot but express the appreciation of the Masons of this District for the indefatigable exertions of the M. W. the Grand Master to advance the interests of Masonry in his jurisdiction, and we are particularly pleased that he was able to give to Nipissing District, No. 18, so much of his time and attention, and we trust that the marked improvement in the work of the lodges in this District, since his visit, will in some measure recompense him for the time and attention bestowed on us.

CONSECRATIONS AND CONSTITUTIONS.

On September 16th, 1902, I assisted the M. W. the Grand Master to constitute Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, and to consecrate their hall. There were present at the ceremony R. W. Bro. J. H. Shearer, P.D.D.G.M., of Unity Lodge, No. 376; W. Bro. H. D. Leask, of Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, and Masters and Past Masters of Algonquin and Unity Lodges, and many other visiting brethren. Corona Lodge, No. 454, was given its warrant at last meeting of Grand Lodge, and they have

done particularly well during the year. R. W. Bro. H. L. Barber, P.D.D.G.M., is a charter member of this lodge, and under his skilled guidance the work is particularly well performed, and the material accepted is of the class most desirable in a Masonic lodge. I visited this lodge again on May 21, 1903, and found them working together in harmony and concord, and I am satisfied Corona lodge will take its place among the progressive lodges of the District.

On January 16, 1903, just previous to the holding of the Lodge of Instruction, I assisted the M. W. the Grand Master to consecrate the new hall of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, G.R.C., at North Bay. The ceremony was performed by the M. W. the Grand Master in his usual impressive manner, and with the installation of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, in their new home, may they keep in view the grand Masonic principles to which their lodge is consecrated. The distinguished brethren present at the Lodge of Instruction assisted at the consecration most efficiently. The new hall of Nipissing lodge is one of the best in the District, and is handsomely and tastefully furnished, reflecting great credit on the W. Bro. Rev. A. J. F. Cobb, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Liddell, P.D.D.G. M., and the other officers of the lodge.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I visited every lodge in the District at least once and found that in order to do so I had to travel some 3,000 miles and devote about 25 days exclusively to the work. To a business man the time required to be spent in the duties of D.D.G.M. in this District is more than he can afford to spend away from his business, and it would be in the interests of Masonry here were a division of this District made. The M. W. the Grand Master has appointed a committee for the purpose of considering the redistribution of the Masonic Districts, and we trust they will give heed to the requests of the brethren here and make a division of Nipissing, Algoma and Ottawa Districts, forming a new district out of some lodges now in each.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: Visited this lodge on the 20th May, 1903. Granite Lodge is the oldest lodge in the District, and one of the best. The finan-

ces of the lodge are in splendid shape, the work put on by the officers is above criticism, and the Masonic fraternal feeling most particularly in evidence. In the W. M., W. Bro. D. W. Ross, they have a splendid presiding officer, and his Wardens and junior officers assist him admirably and are well trained. I was much pleased to note the presence of so many old P. M's of the lodge in attendance. It speaks well for the prosperity and good government of any lodge to find the P. M's keep up connection with and an interest in their lodge. In R. W. Bro. J. H. Knifton, P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bro. Foote, P. G. S., and V. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, P.G.S.B., Granite Lodge has a trio of earnest indefatigable workers zealous in the advancement of the best interests of their lodge, and careful that their portals do not open to any but the best material. W. Bros. Spring, Kilpatrick and Pirie were also present and assisted in the work of the evening, which was two firsts and a third degree, conferred by the W. M. and W. Bros. Foote and Whitby and R. W. Bro. Knifton. The banquet afterwards was in their banquet hall, and was very enjoyable, and one of the most pleasing memories of my year is my visit to and reception by the officers and members of Granite Lodge, No. 352.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 365, Bracebridge: My official visit to this lodge was made at the time of the Lodge of Instruction on January 14, 1903. The records and finances of this lodge are first class, and while not doing as much work as might be expected, still they are selecting their material judiciously, and as quality and not quantity are what we desire in Masonry, they are to be commended therefor. With R. W. Bros. Huber and Mills, P.D.D. G.M's, keeping up their active interest in the lodge, Muskoka Lodge may be depended upon to live up to our best traditions. The W. M., W. Bro. Cochrane, is a good presiding officer, and his junior officers assist him admirably.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville: I visited this lodge on the 13th January, 1903, an emergent meeting, just before the Lodge of Instruction at Bracebridge. The W. M., W. Bro. Cullom, assisted by his officers, conferred a third degree. Their work was excellent. The finances of this lodge are in good shape. R. W. Bro. Shearer, P. D.D.G.M., is a member of this lodge, and keeps in close

touch with its work. The material being taken in is good, and like Muskoka lodge they are selecting their men carefully and taking only the best. Unity Lodge is one of the strongest lodges in the District and close observers of our Masonic traditions.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 459, Gravenhurst: Visited this lodge on June 8th, 1903, and found that under the able government of W. Bro. J. H. Elliott, M. D., Golden Rule Lodge has entered upon an era of prosperity. The very best class of young men are joining with them, and they are on a fair way to becoming a good strong lodge. The work was a first and a third degree, which were well exemplified. R. W. Bro. Neowery and W. Bros. McPhee and Winfield are active members, and are a great help to the lodge. The fourth degree, after the close of the lodge meetings, was very enjoyable.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay: I visited Nipissing Lodge officially on the 3rd December, 1902. W. Bro. Rev. A. J. F. Cobb was in the chair, and assisted by his wardens, Bro. Weegor, S.W., and Bro. Wm. Martin, J.W., they worked a first and a third degree very nicely. This is my mother lodge, and in it I first received my honors as W. M. Nipissing Lodge, with a membership of 98, is one of the best lodges of the District, and attracts to itself exceptionally good material. During the year there have been ten initiations, and every one has been most desirable. R. W. Bro. Liddell, P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bros. Rorabeck and Lovell were present, and by their counsel assisted in the good government of the lodge. Nipissing has been somewhat handicapped through losing so many of her P. M's. During the past few years some four or five have moved away, and she has lost the strength their experience and counsel would give her, but the officers coming forward are all capable, and when their turn comes to fill the Master's chair will do so with credit to themselves.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge. Visited this lodge on April 20th, 1903, and regret that the W. M., W. Bro. Stinson, was unable through illness, to be present with us. The work of the evening was a third degree, worked by W. Bro. Carmichael, and very well done. This lodge, although showing a loss of 8 members during the year through suspensions for N.P.D., is really doing very well.

The suspensions were of members some time in arrears, and who had lost interest in the work. The young members coming in are of a good class, and I have no doubt that under W. Bro. Stinson and Wardens Robertson and Maxwell, Strong Lodge will become indeed a strong lodge. The supper after the lodge meeting was excellent and tastefully prepared.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury: Visited this lodge officially on the 16th April, 1903. In point of members, Nickel, with 110 members, is the strongest Lodge in the District, and in *Esprit du corps*, second to none. Nickel Lodge has been particularly fortunate in its P. M's, and on the evening of my visit there were eight of them present and taking an active interest in the proceedings. The attendance of P. M's is most desirable in any lodge, as it tends to its good government and promotes the interest of the side bench members in the business of the lodge. The W. M., V. W. Bro. C. R. Reid, was in the chair, and assisted by his S. W., Bro. Cressey, and J. W., W. Bro. Dorsett, conferred a third degree in excellent style. The candidates in this lodge are more carefully instructed and strictly examined before advancement than in any other lodge I have visited, and when finally graduated at the hands of the W. M. and P. M's of Nickel Lodge, they will be able to visit any lodge in the jurisdiction and undergo any examination. I was accompanied on my visit by Bro. J. W. McFarlane, of Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447. The refreshment after labor was served in the banquet room of the lodge, and was very nice, and I enjoyed it very much. Nickel Lodge is making steady progress, and will continue to hold its place as the largest lodge in our District.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale: Visited this lodge on 9th June, 1903, at their regular meeting. The W. M., W. Bro. J. T. Adams, was in the chair, and there were present P. M's Metcalfe, McConkey, McDonald and Grant. There was no work on. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees. The prospects of this lodge are very good, and the membership is steadily increasing, altogether a good lodge.

Powassen Lodge, No. 443, Powassen: Visited Powassen Lodge, No. 443, on the 21st April, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. Wm. Carmichael, was in the chair. This was

an emergent meeting called by me, and no work was ready. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees. Although not very strong numerically, still Powassen Lodge numbers among its members a good percentage of bright young men, who are taking an interest in the work and will eventually make this a good lodge. I was accompanied on my visit by R. W. Bro. Thos. Darling, P. G. R. of the G. L. of Quebec, who gave some sound advice and good counsel to Powassen Lodge. This lodge will progress.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, Sturgeon Falls: I visited this lodge officially on May 11, 1903, and installed the officers on the 24th June, 1903. I am affiliated with this lodge and attend most of their meetings. They have not made the progress they might have done, but knowing all the circumstances intimately, I cannot but commend them for their use of the black ball in keeping out undesirable material. Considerable material was offered, but was thought undesirable and refused, and in a young lodge not very well off financially, they are to be given all credit for refusing as they did. The I. P. M., Bro. Ed. Jessup, was painstaking and careful. The new W. M., W. Bro. J. R. McAmmond, will keep up the best traditions of the Master's chair, and under his direction Sturgeon Falls Lodge will prosper and progress. W. Bro. H. D. Leask, a P. M. of Nipissing Lodge, keeps up active connection with Sturgeon Falls lodge, greatly to its advantage.

Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls: I visited this lodge at the time of constitution and consecration, and again on 21st May, 1903. Under the able management of W. Bro. R. J. Watson, W. M., and R. W. Bro. H. L. Barber, P.D.D.G.M., Corona Lodge is making good substantial progress and will continue to do so. The material received is particularly good, and such as we wish to receive into Masonry, and as long as they select as judiciously as they have done they will be a prosperous lodge.

Doric Lodge, U. D., Little Current: I visited this lodge on the 26th June, 1903, and found they had done remarkable work during the year. Their initiations number 35, and I was pleased to see that although the number was large still the selection was good and was not by any means all that were offered. Under W. Bro. Powell

and Bro. W. A. M. Bellwood, J.W., they are doing great work, and will eventually become a very strong lodge. Their application for a warrant I can cheerfully endorse, and am sure they will recognize their responsibilities and use it as it should be used. The work was well put on for so young a lodge, and with a little more training will be excellent. Their lodge room is a fine one, and they are fitting it up elegantly, and with so large a population to draw from they will make Doric Lodge a centre of enlightenment that we will be proud of.

Temiscaming Lodge, U. D., New Liskeard: A petition praying for a dispensation to be issued to hold a Masonic lodge at New Liskeard, to be known as Temiscaming Lodge, was sent to me by the brethren resident at New Liskeard, numbering some 23. I visited that place in June and found there a town of over 1,000 inhabitants, with a larger population tributary to it, and with a number of enthusiastic Masons resident there. In my opinion they were entitled to having the prayer of their petition granted, and I so recommended to the M. W. the Grand Master, who was pleased to issue the dispensation, and commissioned me to organize them into a lodge of Masons. I visited them again on the 6th July, accompanied by my District Secretary, and organized them. I found there to assist me V. W. Bro. J. F. Royce, P.G.S.; W. Bros. A. Royce, W. M. of Wellington Lodge, No. 271; W. Bro. McCracken, P. M. of Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, and W. Bro. O'Brien, P. M. of Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge, and several other brethren. They start with a list of 23 members, and under the control of W. Bro. Alex. Ross, W. M.; Bro. F. E. Pitts, S. W., and Bro. Frank Haynes, J. W., they will progress, as everything else does in that new country. New Liskeard seems to be the meeting place of the people from all portions of the British Empire and the United States. Present at the ceremony of organization were members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Grand Lodge of Quebec, of England, of Ireland, of Scotland, and of North Dakota, and I can say that I think Temiscaming Lodge will progress rapidly and become a credit to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I must express my thanks to the Secretaries of the various lodges for their promptness in sending me the information required and necessary. A great deal depends

upon having an efficient Secretary in a lodge, and often the amount of work to be performed by them is not appreciated by the ordinary members. The collection of the monthly dues is an important part of their work, and too often the number makes it hard for the Secretary. This should not be if a brother does not desire to keep up his dues; it is much better for him to demit than to allow himself to become suspended. I wish again to thank the brethren for their kindness and courtesy to me and bespeak for my successor, whoever he may be, the same kind and courteous treatment they extended to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. J. YOUNG, D.D.G.M.,
Nipissing District, No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 18, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903

Number of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'd			Total No. of all Mem	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Decrease during year.	Increase during year.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.																								
352	Granite.....	Parry Sound...	84	12	...	11	7	6	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	...	11	6	17	20	4	\$ 35 00	Dec. 27, '02	A 1	Good	Yes	Yes
350	Muskoka....	Racebridge....	61	3	...	4	5	4	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	...	2	11	12	17	\$40 00	...	14	58 10	Dec 27, '02	Good	Yes	300 00	
376	Unity.....	Huntville....	96	4	...	5	6	6	2	1	1	1	...	10	3	17	16	...	10	3	3	17	...	...	3	137 50	June 24, '03	Good	Yes	500 00
409	Gol'n R'le	Gravenhurst...	52	9	...	9	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	18	25 00	...	12	...	12	...	...	12	22 90	Dec. 27, '02	High	Yes	300 00
420	Nipissing...	North Bay....	98	9	...	10	13	10	2	1	3	1	...	13	8	21	27	23 00	...	12	...	12	...	...	12	87 00	June 24, '03	Good	Yes	500 00
423	Strong.....	Sundridge....	40	...	8	3	3	4	...	2	9	...	...	12	1	13	12	5 00	...	18	...	18	...	...	18	231 00	Dec. 27, '02	Fair	Yes	600 00
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	110	14	...	12	11	11	3	2	2	...	...	13	6	19	18	114 85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	June 24, '03	Good	Yes	...
434	Algonquin..	Emisdale.....	53	3	...	4	6	11	1	1	1	...	...	13	1	14	10	10 00	...	12	...	12	...	...	12	111 00	Dec. 27, '02	Good	Yes	...
443	Powasson..	Powasson.....	34	4	...	5	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	8	4	12	10	5 00	...	10	...	10	...	...	10	55 50	June 24, '03	Good	Yes	None
447	Sturgeon...	Sturgeon Falls	38	1	...	3	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	11	2	13	...	...	9	...	9	...	...	9	90 00	June 24, '03	Good	Yes	Yes
451	Corona.....	Burk's Falls...	32	16	...	13	12	8	3	...	...	...	...	12	1	23	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '02	Fair	Yes	.....
UD	Doric.....	Little Current.	52	38	...	35	28	2	3	...	...	...	...	13	16	29	14	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	2	6 00	June 24, '03	Good	Yes	None

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Warrants, begs to make the following recommendations:

1. That warrants be issued to Doric Lodge, No. 455, Little Current, Nipissing District, No. 18; Elma Lodge, No. 456, Monkton, South Huron District, No. 4; Century Lodge, No. 457, Merlin, Erie District, No. 1; Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales, St. Lawrence District, No. 15; Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden, Ottawa District, No. 16.

2. That the dispensations granted to Rideau Lodge, Seeleys Bay; Ionic Lodge, Rainy River, and Temiscaming Lodge, New Liskeard, be continued during the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman Sub-Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Printing and Supplies, beg leave to report:

1st. That they have examined the following duly certified accounts, and recommend the same to the Audit and Finance Committee for payment:

Copp, Clark Co. (Toronto), certificates, etc	\$	737	45
Spectator Printing Co. (Hamilton)	\$1,631	60	
Less amount paid on account	1,000	00	631 60
A. C. Turnbull (Hamilton), stationery, etc....		83	55
Howell Lithographic Co. (Hamilton), cheque books.		64	00
R. Duncan & Co. (Hamilton), sundries...		37	80
J. C. White (Hamilton), repairing Grand Lodge re- galia		18	55
Thomas Lees (Hamilton), sundry implements		13	75
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			\$1,586 70

2nd. In conformity with the report of this Committee, adopted at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, the special Committee to whom was delegated the duty of receiving tenders and awarding the contract for Grand Lodge printing for five years, from the 1st day of November, 1903, to the 31st day of October, 1908, beg leave to report that, after advertising in the leading newspapers of Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton and London for offers, only two bids for the work were sent in. Your Committee, after thoroughly scrutinizing the tenders and estimating the quantities required, unanimously recommended that, in their opinion, the interests of Grand Lodge would be best subserved by the acceptance of the tender of the Spectator Printing Company, of Hamilton, for the entire work. They would further recommend that the necessary agreement therewith be executed by the Grand Secretary with the said company as set forth above.

3rd. The Board will endeavor to place the different reports of Grand Lodge (those ordered to be printed for distribution at this time) in the hands of the brethren as soon as possible after their submission thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN S. DEWAR,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. G. S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, having audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and certify to their correctness.

All monies received by the Grand Secretary have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer and their receipt acknowledged by that officer; vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in that office.

The total receipts have been \$26,724 61

The total expenditure has been as follows:

General Purposes	\$10,927 89	
Benevolence.	11,880 00	22,807 89

Receipts over expenditures	\$ 3,916 72
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Receipts last year were \$26,724.61, the increase this year being \$1,393.16. The receipts for the year just ended, May 31, were the largest in the history of Grand Lodge.

During the year two Canada Permanent Savings debentures of \$5,000 each matured on October 1st, 1902, and were re-invested in two five-year debentures of \$5,000 each at 4 per cent., payable half yearly, also one debenture of Landed Banking and Loan Company of \$5,000, matured on November 1st, 1902, and was reinvested in the same company at 4 per cent., interest payable half yearly.

The funds of Grand Lodge on May 31st, 1903, were as follows:

Brockville debentures, face value at 4 per cent...	\$ 3,000 00
Woodstock debentures, face value at 6 per cent...	7,000 00
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., debentures at 4 per cent...	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, debentures at 4 per cent.	10,000 00
Canada Permanent Loan & Savings Co., debentures at 4 per cent.	10,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co., debenture at 4 per cent.	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Co., debenture at 4 per cent.	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., debenture at 4 per cent.	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., debenture at 4 per cent.	15,000 00
City of Brantford, eight debentures at 4 per cent..	8,000 00
	<u>\$93,000 00</u>
Balance at credit of current account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on May 31st, 1903....	13,829 66
	<u>\$106,829 66</u>

We would recommend that \$12,000 be taken from the general funds, and that the said sum be invested in first-class securities.

The Board recommend payment of the following accounts :

Committee on Foreign Correspondence	\$ 100 00
Grand Secretary's balance for Incidentals to May 31st, 1903.	112 68
Grand Secretary, advanced for Incidentals. . . .	700 00
Premium on Grand Secretary's Bond.	50 00
General Masonic Relief Association Fee.	140 00
Benevolent Grants.	13,435 00
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	\$14,537 68

The Committee on Printing and Supplies report^a that the following accounts are correct, and the Board recommend their payment:

The Copp, Clark Co	\$ 737 45
Spectator Printing Co. (Hamilton)	\$1,631 60
Less amount paid on account.	1,000 00
A. C. Turnbull	83 55
The Howell Lithographing Co.	64 00
Robert Duncan Co.	37 80
William Bruce.	27 25
Thomas Lees.	13 75
Alexander Gibson.	9 00
J. C. White.	18 55
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	\$1,622 95

We would recommend that the widow of our late Grand Secretary be given a gratuity of one year's salary, in lieu of an annual grant.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Audit and Finance.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs to report that 297 applications have been received, which have been dealt with as follows:

139 applications from local Boards of Relief, of which 133 have been granted, amounting to..\$	4,940 00
(and 6 applications have been refused.)	
158 applications from private lodges, of which 153 have been granted, amounting to	6,930 00
(and 5 applications have been refused.)	

Special grants by Grand Lodge :

Mrs. W. M. Wilson	\$300 00	
Mrs. T. D. Harrington	300 00	
Miss Mary Wilson	300 00	
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00	975 00

Total amount of grants made at this Annual Communication..	\$12,845 00
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During the past year 20 interim grants have been made by the Chairman of the Committee and approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, amounting to..	740 00 .
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Total grants made during the year	\$13,585 00
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The grants made by Private Lodges during the year, as shown by the tabulated statements furnished by the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports amount in the aggregate to \$10,009.00.

The following lodges, which received supplementary aid from Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, have not made returns as required by the regulations, and are consequently not entitled to receive any grants until such returns have been made, viz.; 24, 39, 48, 57, 69, 126, 141, 255, 277, 318, 322, 348, 358, 424.

The Board recommends that the Inspector shall investigate all new applications, and such others as the Committee designate as require investigation, and that no cheques be issued to said applicants until a favorable report has been made by him.

The Board considers that the making of interim grants in cases of pressing need arising between the meetings of Grand Lodge is a beneficial measure affording relief in cases of emergency.

That the system is not allowed to be abused is exemplified by the fact that grants were made in only twenty cases out of a total of twenty-eight applications.

The Board has had under consideration an application to restore the annuity of Mrs. William Mercer Wilson to the amount originally voted by resolution of Grand Lodge; in view of the fact that the annuity was originally voted in recognition of the long and valuable services rendered to Grand Lodge by M. W. Bro. Wilson, the Board is of the opinion that

the annuity should be restored to the original amount, Mrs. Wilson being now about 80 years of age, an invalid, and depending for a living upon friends upon whom she has no claim by way of relationship.

The circumstances of the widow of M. W. Bro. T. D. Harrington have been enquired into. The Board recommends that the direct vote of Grand Lodge to Mrs. Harrington be increased to \$300.00, as it has been ascertained that her circumstances have been very much reduced since the original amount was voted, that she is now partially incapacitated through illness, and that she, the widow of a Past Grand Master, who rendered invaluable services to this Grand Lodge, is very largely dependent on the generosity of Grand Lodge for her support.

The Board recommends that the sum of \$15.00 and expenses be paid to the Inspector for his attendance on the Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

R. L. GUNN,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

REPORT.

Your Board have before them the following cases:

1. Consecon Lodge, No. 50, vs. Lake Lodge, No. 215. Invasion of territory. This matter was sent down last year by Grand Lodge to R. W. Bro. O'Flynn, D.D.G.M. of the 13th District, to have surveys made, etc., and to report. We have the report of the R. W. Bro. to the effect that he was entirely successful in having the matter settled to the satisfaction of the lodges concerned.

2. Re Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, and Bro. A. Campbell. Last year Grand Lodge left the matter in the hands of R. W. Bro. Knight, then D.D.G.M. of the 17th District, to investigate and report. The matter came before Grand Lodge in the first instance by a resolution of Pequonga Lodge asking for the restoration of Bro. Campbell, who had been expelled in 1897. R. W. Bro. Knight has forwarded to your Board a subsequent

resolution of Pequonga Lodge rescinding their former resolution. The matter therefore drops.

3. Re appeal Bro. John Anderson vs. Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur. This case was, last year, referred by the M. W. the Grand Master to a commission to investigate and report. They have reported that the difficulty has been settled between the lodge and Bro. Anderson in a friendly and satisfactory manner.

4. Sharon Lodge, No. 97, vs. Richardson Lodge, No. 136. Invasion of territory. This case was sent down to R. W. Bro. E. B. Brown, D.D.G.M. of District No. 11A, to investigate and report. The R. W. Bro. has reported that the lodges concerned have settled their difficulty amicably.

5. In the matter of Grand Lodge of B. C. vs. St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto. This old matter comes before your Board again, but not in an aggravated or troublesome form. The M. W. the Grand Master of British Columbia writes that Corinthian Lodge at Rossland has, at the request of St. George's Lodge, conferred the second and third degrees upon Bro. Phillips. The \$30 paid by St. George's Lodge to Grand Lodge and by them paid over to Corinthian Lodge, has been returned by Corinthian Lodge, and now St. George's Lodge has made a request to have that sum repaid to them. This seems to your Board to be reasonable, and your Board recommend that the said sum be paid over by Grand Lodge to St. George's Lodge.

6. Bro. Hotham vs. Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133. This matter came up last year (see G. L. proceedings, 1902, page 327). The report was adopted by Grand Lodge recommending the appointment of a commission to investigate and report. Fortunately, the work of the commission was followed by a complete reconciliation of all parties concerned, and harmony in the lodge again restored.

7. Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa, vs. Bro. W. H. Morgan. Misappropriation of lodge funds, whilst Secretary of the lodge, and erasing and changing the account of a brother in the books after the account had been audited by the official auditors. This is a clear case. The brother was tried by his lodge, was suspended indefinitely, and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion. The brother pleaded guilty to the charges. We recommend that Bro. Morgan be summoned to appear before Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for the said offences.

8. Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa, vs. Bro. J. A. Clarke. Misappropriation of lodge funds whilst Secretary of the lodge of about \$67.00, in the year 1893. The evidence discloses that Bro. Clarke was subsequently elected Master of the lodge, that the audit of the books was intermittent, and that when the shortage was discovered, the lodge, instead of proceeding at once against Bro. Clarke, made an agreement with him to pay the amount by instalments, and because he did not keep his promise, they then proceed for the graver offence, which your Board think they condoned, and now ask for Bro.

Clarke's expulsion by Grand Lodge, after an indefinite suspension by Chaudiere Lodge. We may say Bro. Clarke has paid Chaudiere Lodge. Your Board are of the opinion and recommend that Bro. Clarke should not be expelled, and further, because of the lodge's condonation of said offence, that Bro. Clarke's suspension be removed, thereby placing the parties as at first, leaving Bro. Clarke to be dealt with later according to his future conduct with reference to his promise.

9. St. George's Lodge, No. 367, vs. Wm. John Damp. Foul and abusive language towards the Senior Warden of the lodge, although not in lodge. The brother was tried on three charges. He admitted two, and apologised to the lodge and the brother, which was not accepted. There were 42 present at the trial. On the first charge the ballot stood 39 to 3 against the brother; on the second charge, 37 to 5 against him, and on the third, 25 to 17 against him. The vote as to whether Bro. Damp should be suspended definitely stood 35 yea and 7 nay, and on the period of suspension, as follows: 8 for 3 months, 2 for 6 months, 6 for 1 year, 3 for 2 years, and 23 for 3 years. The trial took place on the 30th December, 1902, and Bro. Damp appealed on the 15th January, 1903. On his appeal he again admitted using the words contained in the two first charges, but denied using the words imputed to him by the third charge. Your Board are of the opinion that the third charge has not been proven. On the whole, we recommend that the appeal be dismissed. The penalty inflicted upon the brother seems severe, but not sufficiently disproportionate as to call for the interference by Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. BURRITT,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Chairman of the Committee on Condition of Masonry:

REPORT.

The Board has carefully perused the reports of the nineteen District Deputy Grand Masters which have been submitted for its information and consideration.

The Board is pleased to be able to state that of the 367 lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge, all have been officially visited except five.

Four lodges were not visited last year, and they were specially commended to the care of the incoming District Deputy Grand Masters; these four lodges have all been visited this year and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

It is not considered necessary to single out the lodges not visited this year, nor to place any special obligation on the incoming D. D. G. M's with respect to them; the failure to visit them arose through the serious illness of the D. D. G. M's in whose Districts they were, but in each case correspondence was had with these lodges by the D. D. G. M's, and they were all found to be in a prosperous and efficient condition, therefore it is believed that the incoming D. D. G. M's will find them in a satisfactory state of progress.

In last year's report of the Board it was pointed out that the aim of Grand Lodge was to have every lodge visited once each year, and hopes were expressed that this year would see that goal reached; this has been practically accomplished, as the state of each and every lodge has been accurately ascertained. This satisfactory state of affairs bears the very strongest kind of testimony to the untiring energy and earnest efforts put forth by the D. D. G. M's to fulfil their whole duty to the Craft and Grand Lodge.

In reading over the reports of the representatives of the Grand Master in the several Districts, the Board has been struck, not only by the efforts made by these officers to reach every lodge, but also with the close and minute nature of the inspection, the good advice given, the instructions conveyed, and generally the strong determination evinced to raise the status of the lodges in every branch of Masonic work. It is by such persistent and united efforts on the part of those representing the Grand Master that higher standards may be looked for and a strong esprit du corps created. The lodges would appear as a general rule to have recognized their duty as to the payment of the travelling expenses of these self-sacrificing officers; at any rate, not a single complaint is voiced in the reports, whilst many bear testimony to the pleasantly prompt manner in which what is the plain duty was discharged. Thus what has been somewhat of a reflection on the generosity of the Craft has been removed, we trust, never to reappear.

The condition of the Craft as disclosed by the reports is on the whole a matter of congratulation. There have been increases in membership in nearly every district, but the increases are not so large, having regard to the benefits of Freemasonry in promoting social intercourse, upbuilding of moral character, and teaching forbearance and charity in all the relations of life, as we could wish and expect. It is, however, satisfactory to know that over 2,600 of the flower of Ontario's manhood were brought into the effulgence of Masonic light during the year just closed. The work is reported to be, as a rule, well and intelligently performed, which creditable

state of affairs has come about by the determination of the D. D. G. M's to frankly and strongly criticise and reprehend those officers who neglect to perfect themselves in the work. Officers who accept office, hoping to attain rank and honors without making any effort to earn them, should be displaced at the earliest opportunity, so that the lesson may be clearly enforced in every lodge that the acceptance of responsibility must be followed by the conscientious performance of duty. These remarks are called forth by the fact that there are still a few Masters who are out of place in the chair, as they are incapable of working any of the degrees. The Board is of opinion that the D. D. G. M's should caution every Master of the necessity of appointing on examining boards only fearless, conscientious men, and of requiring that a written certificate of capability shall be handed to the installing Master, which certificate, after being signed by him, shall be filed in the records of the lodge, where access can be had to it and the examining board held to account. It is only by such drastic measures that one of the few remaining reflections on the intelligence of the Craft can be stamped out. Almost perfect harmony is found to exist over the whole jurisdiction, the few existing differences being mere fleecy clouds on a summer sky. The lodges are reported to be prosperous, although the Board finds it difficult to reconcile this statement with the enormous arrearages of dues found to exist; it may be that the lodges have become "carelessly prosperous," having more funds than they can use.

The payment of dues is required by the Constitution, and provided for in the By-laws of every lodge. This is necessarily so, for the business affairs of the lodge cannot be carried on without the expenditure of money, nor can charity be exercised. The board once more reiterates the plain duty of every lodge: first, to insist that those who are able to pay shall pay; and second, to remit the dues of those who are reduced to poverty, if not despair. Surely it is unwise, as well as unkind, to keep carrying members until sums varying from \$20 to \$50 stand at their debits. The Master of each lodge should investigate every flagrant case, either through a committee or as he may deem best, and then evolve some method by which his lodge may be unloaded of uncalled-for as well as unnecessary payments to Grand Lodge, and at the same time relieved of the reflection cast upon its business management by the piling up of enormous arrearages of dues. The Board does not care to embody in its report the alarming figures which it has found to exist in the statistical tables of the various Districts, but it presses home upon the incoming D.D.G.M's the importance of advising the Masters to deal with this question promptly.

The desire of the Grand Master that Lodges of Instruction should be held wherever it was possible to do so, backed by his personal attendance at numbers of them at what must have in many cases have entailed upon him considerable sacrifices of time and comfort, has had the effect of causing a considerable number to be held throughout the jurisdiction during the past year. It is found that such lodges were held

in 14 out of the 19 Districts, and at all of them, with one or two exceptions, the Grand Master was present. The old saying that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," may here be paraphrased by saying that eternal vigilance is the price of good Masonic work. The present high standard of work, be it remembered, is the direct result of numerous Lodges of Instruction, held all over the whole Province. It is easy to become careless; indeed, it is only by continued holding of such schools of Masonic work, in which, under the personal direction of the representatives of the Grand Master, accurate and impressive rendition of the several degrees may be witnessed by Masters and officers, that we can hope to keep up our present satisfactory record.

The Board has great satisfaction in stating that several lodges, reported a year ago as weak and almost expiring, have since last report taken on new life, and some of them appear to be entering on eras of renewed vigor and usefulness. This happy state of affairs has been accomplished mainly by the D. D. G. M's giving close personal attention to the lodges, reported by their predecessors to be displaying signs of apathy and decay. The board earnestly recommends to the incoming D. D. G. M's a careful perusal of the reports of their predecessors so that they may be seized of the lodges which require special attention, and the nature of their trouble, and it urges them to follow the excellent example set them by the D. D. G. M's of this year by exerting their best efforts to stir up life and bring the weak lodges back to strength and prosperity. The past year has been one of great credit to the faithful and energetic representatives of the Grand Master for the life and vigor they have put into the whole Craft, but more particularly for the nursing and encouragement they have given to weak lodges.

The Board is pleased to state that a large number of the lodges have attended divine service during the past year, and it expresses the hope that this practical evidence of the tie that binds Masonry to the praise and worship of God may be even more abundantly in evidence next year.

The Board once more emphasizes the educative effect and importance of the delivery of lectures upon matters of interest to the Craft by well skilled brethren; No doubt some valuable lectures were delivered during the year, but the D. D. G. M's have not given credit for them in their reports. Brethren who have the leisure, knowledge and ability should be encouraged to entertain and instruct the Craft.

The Secretarial work appears to have been well performed in nearly all the lodges. It is particularly noticeable that in every instance where a Past Master is a Secretary that he not only performs clerical work admirably, but in addition becomes a sort of mentor and stands by in directing rehearsals and assisting in perfecting the ritual work. The Board does not presume to instruct the lodges to elect P. M's as Secretaries, but for the information of the Craft it states the patent fact that they are painstaking and intelligent officers. Their experience and training teach them to attach great importance in keeping correct records and preserving the continuity

of the lodge's history, a most important duty, which is not always appreciated by brethren who expect to occupy the Secretary's desk for one year and as a mere stepping stone to higher office.

The financial affairs, with exception of what has already been said about arrearages of dues, calls for little remark. It is noticed that the books of some lodges have not been audited for two or three years. This state of matters should not be tolerated. If the regularly appointed auditors neglect to perform their functions the Master should take prompt steps to have a proper audit made.

There still appears to be considerable misapprehension on the part of some D. D. G. M's as to their prerogatives with respect to dispensations. A number have granted dispensations which were entirely beyond their Constitutional powers. The Board recommends the incoming D. D. G. M's to read carefully clauses 69 to 75 of the Constitution, and to keep within the scope of their authority as defined by these sections.

The growth of the Craft during the past year has been very large, more especially in the cities and towns, and the reports convey the important information that the quality of the material has been all that could be wished. The good characters of the individual members of the Craft is abundantly sustained by the fact that in a roll of over 30,000 Masons only four or five had to be disciplined for Masonic offences.

The benevolence of the Masonic body in Ontario having regard to its income and responsibilities cannot be regarded as otherwise than satisfactory; indeed, the Craft has always felt its duty to the afflicted and distressed. It may be interesting to state that the income of Grand Lodge in the first decade of its existence, from 1855 to 1865, was \$37,569, and its disbursements for benevolence only \$1,687. In the second decade, from 1865 to 1875, its income was \$109,361, and its benevolence was \$35,192. In the third decade, from 1875 to 1885, its income was \$155,670, and its benevolence was \$86,771. In the fourth decade, from 1885 to 1895, its income was \$184,427, and its benevolence was \$94,432. In the last eight years of the incomplete fifth decade its income was \$179,819, and its benevolence was \$86,543. In the forty-eight years of the existence of Grand Lodge its income has been \$666,837, and the benevolence of the Craft has been \$304,637. The benevolence of the private lodges is, of late years, included in the above disbursements. It may further be stated that the contributions of the Craft to its favorite charity, the Hospital for Sick Children—a monument of the energy and large-hearted charity of one of our Past Grand Masters—has been from 1891 to 1903 inclusive, some \$21,000, \$2,000 of which came from Grand Lodge and \$19,000 from the private lodges.

The Masonic record with respect to benevolence, while not as great as we could wish to see it, is certainly one of which the Craft need not be ashamed.

On the whole we have great cause for satisfaction. Our numerical strength grows apace, our benevolence is increasing and will further increase. Our beautiful work is accurately and impressively taught all over the jurisdiction. The

character of the material is all that could be desired. We live in one of the fairest lands on God's earth. Peace and plenty abound us on all sides; we continue, as we always shall, to honor our King; and best duty of all, we worship and praise our Father in Heaven for His merciful care and abundant blessings.

Fraternally submitted,

AUBREY WHITE,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Condition of Masonry.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read following report, wh following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. Ross, Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Laws:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Constitution and Laws, beg to report that in considering the various notices of motion submitted to it, without expressing any opinion of the merits of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, are of opinion that all these can properly be submitted for the consideration of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. Ben-

jamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Sub-Committee on Jurisprudence, report as follows re Francis Peck:

The correspondence placed before the Board shows that in the year 1852 Bro. Francis Peck was initiated, passed and raised in Trent Lodge, No. 890, situated at Trenton in this Province, then working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and that at present he is the Junior Warden of Arcadia Lodge, No. 440, Minden, in our jurisdiction.

Bro. Peck having applied through our late Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of England for a certificate, it appears that Trent Lodge had made no return to that Grand Lodge, and they, therefore, could not see their way clear to issue him such certificate, although it was pointed out to them that the records of Trent Lodge were now in possession of our Grand Lodge, and these records showed that Bro. Peck was initiated in March, 1852; passed in April, 1852, and raised in June, 1852.

Your Board, therefore, recommend that as a special case the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue a Grand Lodge certificate to Bro. Peck.

All of which is submitted,

J. C. HEGLER,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Jurisprudence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton gave notice that on Thursday, 16th July, 1903, he would move

That on and after this date the salary of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be reduced to fifteen hundred dollars per annum ; that sum to include any and all payments to assistants if any be employed in the Grand Secretary's office.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REDISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICTS.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada :

In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed at its last Annual Communication, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed a committee for the purpose of adjusting the Districts.

In the year 1885 a committee was appointed to arrange the various Districts over which Grand Lodge had jurisdiction. The committee presented an exhaustive report at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in the year 1886, and which report was unanimously adopted, since which time only two changes in the Districts have been made, viz.: The division of the Toronto District, which had become congested, and the establishment of a new District, Nipissing, No. 18, in Northern Ontario, and the transfer of True Blue Lodge, No. 98, from Georgian District, No. 9, to Toronto District, No. 11.

The necessity for the appointment of your committee arises from the constant yearly complaints based principally upon congested districts, the growth of the country, prospects for formation of new lodges, changes in routes of travel, long distances to be travelled and the loss of time and money to some of the District Deputy Grand Masters in the performance of the duties of visiting the lodges of their respective Districts. Complaints have been frequently received from Ottawa District, No. 16, respecting the inconvenience to D. D. G. M's in visiting Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, which is nearly 100 miles from the lodge nearest to it in the District, and which is situated at Pembroke, while it is only 40 miles from North Bay in Nipissing District, while in Algoma District a railway journey of 1,000 miles is required to travel from one end of same to the other.

The unanimous opinion from Algoma and Nipissing Districts calls for a re-arrangement of the lodges, while the growth of New Ontario appears to justify the creation of a new District.

It is true that in a few instances strong arguments were advanced against proposed changes, still the opinion in favor of the particular change was so unanimous as to leave no doubt in our minds that a change would not only be wise but beneficial. A strong appeal was made by the members of Mattawa Lodge against a severance of their connection from Otta-

wa District, but the remaining lodges in Ottawa District were unanimous in their demand to detach said lodge from its District.

We entered upon the discharge of duty allotted to us with the determination to preserve the existing position of affairs when it was at all possible to do so. We were guided largely by the principles laid down by the committee of 1886, viz.:

1. To ignore municipal, parliamentary and geographical boundaries.

2. To group the lodges so as to bring those in each District within easy distance of one another.

3. To so arrange the lodges as to have due regard to railway, stage and general travelling facilities.

4. To equalize the Districts where same was possible. We are unanimous in making the following recommendations:

(1) That no changes be made in the following Districts, viz.: Erie, No. 1; St. Clair, No. 2; London, No. 3; South Huron, No. 4; Wilson, No. 6; Hamilton, No. 8; Niagara, No. 10; Toronto, No. 11; Toronto, No. 11a; Ontario, No. 12; Prince Edward, No. 13.

(2) That a new district to be styled "Sydenham, No. —," be created out of lodges to be taken from North Huron, No. 5; Wellington, No. 7, and Georgian, No. 9, as follows:

North Huron, No. 5—Cedar, 396, Wiarton; Burns, 436, Hepworth; Maple Leaf, 362, Tara; Forest, 393, Chesley; Hanover, 432, Hanover.	5 lodges
Wellington, No. 7—Harriston, 271, Harriston; St. Albans, 200, Mt. Forest; Durham, 306, Durham; Prince Arthur, 334, Arthur; Scott, 421, Grand Valley; Harris, 216, Orangeville	6 lodges
Georgian, No. 9—Lorne, 377; Shelburne; Dundalk, 449, Dundalk; Prince Arthur, 333, Flesherton; St. George, 88, Owen Sound; North Star, 322, Owen Sound.	5 lodges

16 lodges.

This district will form a quadrilateral with every lodge on a line of railway, G. T. R. from Wiarton to Harriston; C. P. R. Harriston to Orangeville; C. P. R. from Orangeville to Owen Sound; G. T. R. Owen Sound back to Wiarton; Durham being connected with Mt. Forest by G. T. R. It will contain the towns of Owen Sound, Wiarton, Harriston, Mt. Forest, Durham and Orangeville. It will have 4 lodges in the County of Bruce, 6 lodges in County of Grey, 3 lodges in the County of Dufferin and 3 lodges in the County of Wellington.

The Districts effected by the change will remain as now constituted, less the lodges withdrawn to form the new District, Sydenham No. 5a, thereby giving North Huron, No. 5, 14 lodges; Wellington, No. 7, 15 lodges, and Georgian, No. 9, 15 lodges. The latter District will materially benefit by the change, as the five lodges withdrawn from it are not very well connected with the rest of the District.

(3) That a re-arrangement be made of the lodges in Frontenac, No. 14; St. Lawrence, No. 15, and Ottawa, No. 16, and

that a new District be formed to be styled "Eastern District, No. 21." Such re-arrangement and formation of new District to be as follows:

Frontenac, No. 14, to consist of 15 lodges, viz.: (1) The St. John, (2) Cataraqui, (3) and Minden, of Kingston; (4) Union, of Napanee; (5) Albion, Harrowsmith; (6) Maple Leaf, Bath; (7) Prince of Wales, Newburgh; (8) Leeds, Gananoque; (9) Elysian, Garden Island; (10) Prince Arthur, Odessa; (11) Victoria, Centreville; (12) Lorne, Tamworth; (13) Macoy, Mallorytown; (14) Lansdowne, Lansdowne, and (15) Rideau, Seeley's Bay, U. D.—15 lodges.

St. Lawrence, No. 14, to consist of 14 lodges, viz.: (1) Sussex, (2) Salem, of Brockville; (3) True Britons, Perth; (4) St. Francis, Smith's Falls; (5) Mount Zion, Kemptville; (6) Merrickville, Merrickville; (7) St. James, Bethel; (8) Rising Sun, Farmersville (Athens); (9) Central, Prescott; (10) Harmony, Delta; (11) Crystal Fountain, North Augusta; (12) Lyn, Lyn; (13) Simpson, Newboro; (14) Westport, Westport.—14 lodges.

Eastern District, No. 21, to consist of 14 lodges, as follows: (1) Cornwall, Cornwall; (2) Excelsior, Morrisburg; (3) Friendly Brothers, Iroquois; (4) Lancaster, Lancaster; (5) Ferrens' Point, Aultsville; (6) Chesterville, Chesterville; (7) Henderson, West Winchester; (8) Maxville, Maxville; (9) Alexandria, Alexandria; (10) Avonmore, Avonmore; (11) Plantagenet, Plantagenet; (12) St. Johns, Vankleek Hill; (13) Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury; (14) Wales, Wales.—14 lodges.

Ottawa, No. 16, to consist of 16 lodges, as follows, viz.: (1) Dalhousie, (2) Doric, (3) Civil Service, (4) The Builders, (5) Lodge of Fidelity, (6) Chaudiere, (7) Prince of Wales, of Ottawa; (8) St. Johns, Carleton Place; (9) Renfrew, Renfrew; (10) Pembroke, Pembroke; (11) Mississippi, Almonte; (12) Goodwood; Richmond; (13) Madawaska, Arnprior; (14) Evergreen, Lanark; (15) Bonochere, Eganville; (16) Cobden, Cobden.—16 lodges.

(4) That Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, be detached from Ottawa District and added to Nipissing District, No. 18.

(5) That a re-arrangement be made of the lodges in Algoma, No. 17, and Nipissing, No. 18, and that a new District be formed to be styled "Muskoka District, No. 19," such re-arrangement and formation of a new District to be as follows: Algoma, No. 17—Shuniah, 287; Pequonga, 414; Fort William, 415; Keewatin, 417; Lake of the Woods, 445; Granite, 446; Royal, 453—7 lodges.

Nipissing, No. 18—Nipissing, 420, North Bay; Nickel, 427, Sudbury; Sturgeon Falls, 447, Sturgeon Falls; Doric, U. D., Little Current; from Algoma District, Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie; Thessalon, Thessalon; Temiskaming, U. D., New Liskeard.

Muskoka District, No. 19—Granite, 352, Parry Sound; Muskoka, 360, Bracebridge; Unity, 376, Huntsville; Golden Rule, 409, Gravenhurst; Strong, 423, Sundridge; Algonquin, 434, Emsdale, Corona, 454, Burxe's Falls; Powassa, 443, Powassa—8 lodges.

This will leave Algoma, 19, with 7 lodges; not large, but considering extent covered, large enough.

According to above division all lodges would be on one line of railway except Little Current, which can be reached by boat from Algoma Station on C. P. R.

In this way any of the lodges except Little Current can be reached from any point in the jurisdiction in one day and return the next, and while the distance from Mattawa to Sault Ste. Marie is 350 miles, owing to railway connection, it is much more convenient as now arranged.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Chairman Special Committee on Redistribution.

The report was considered clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2, after discussion, were laid over.

Clause 3. It was moved by R. R. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone,

That clause 3 be adopted.

It was moved in amendment by M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White,

That the report be received and discussion thereon be postponed until to-morrow.

It was moved in amendment to the amendment,

That the report be received and considered, but action thereon be postponed until next year.

The amendment to the amendment was "lost." The amendment was then put and carried.

REPORT ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

REPORT.

"THROUGH THE GATE OF DEATH."

The Board, through the Committee on Fraternal Dead, beg to report:

Our Annual Communications here, pleasant as they ever

are, green oases in the level uniformity of many of our lives, yet have their sombre side, they bring their saddened memories. If it is pleasant to clasp a brother's friendly hand, we are reminded sadly of the hands which are forever nerveless. Delightful as it is to look into the smiling faces of the friends whom once again we meet after a year's parting, we think at once of the faces from which, on earth at least, the smile has forever faded. And whilst we do honor to those who are yet toiling in the quarries for the benefit of the Craft and the good of mankind, we pay our last tribute of affection and respect to departed merit, to the brethren whom we hope to meet—aye, and to greet—once more, even in the innumerable throng of the Grand Lodge above.

With some we may have disagreed, more, we may have disapproved, strongly, of not a few of their actions, but now that they are gone, is it not possible that they were right and we wrong? In any case, let us bury their mistakes with their poor dust, let us try to forget their failings, and being ourselves taught by these, let us generously praise their excellencies and heartily strive to emulate their virtues. Above all, let us learn this lesson—not to wait until our brother is dead to forgive his faults, to do him a kindness, or to speak well of him.

Whom the earth covers
Neither praise nor blame can reach.

Now! now whilst he lives is the time for kind words, thoughtful deeds and for a forgiveness full and generous enough even to forget as well.

An arm of aid to the weak,
A friendly hand to the friendless;
Kind words so short to speak,
But whose echo is endless.
The world is wide, these things are small;
They may be nothing, but they are all.

And the long list of those who will never again answer their roll-call in the army of Masonic workers forces such thoughts upon us, for this Grand Lodge has to regret many good men and true Masons square and upright for whom "High Twelve" has rung

"From the grim turrets of old Father Time,"

and brought, at last, the long rest from labor. We extend to their sorrowing relatives and friends our hearty sympathy, we cherish their memories, and recommend that their names be entered on the memorial pages of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, P. G. S.

R. W. Bro. N. L. Steiner, P. D. D. G. M., St. John's Lodge, No. 75. A prominent citizen, and one of the best known and most enthusiastic Masons in the Toronto District.

R. W. Bro. John S. Tennant, M. D., P. D. D. G. M., Old Light Lodge, No. 184. A very old and respected Mason of nearly 40 years' standing, whose death will be much felt wherever he was known.

R. W. Bro. A. B. Jardine, P. D. D. G. M., New Hope Lodge, No. 279, is deeply mourned by Wellington District No. 7.

R. W. Bro. Judge Creaser, P. D. D. G. M., North Star Lodge, No. 322, for many years a prominent figure at Grand Lodge, and a brother whose great ability was always at the disposal of the Craft.

R. W. Bro. Thos. Allan Stayner, P. D. D. G. M., Salem Lodge, No. 368, whose much mourned death is a great loss to St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

R. W. Bro. W. McCabe, P. D. D. G. M., Lebanon Lodge, No. 139. An enthusiastic and capable P. D. D. G. M. of District No. 12.

R. W. Bro. Henry W. Day, P. D. D. G. M., Trent Lodge, No. 38, for 50 years a well known figure in this District.

V. W. Bro. George Hodgetts, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16.

V. W. Bro. James Bowman, the first W. M. of Richardson Lodge, No. 136.

V. W. Bro. John Clement, Niagara Lodge, No. 2. A connecting link with the old Masons who were the old guard of Masonry.

V. W. Bro. Jos. Edward Breton, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103.

V. W. Bro. Wm. Doctor, P. G. Steward.

V. W. Bro. S. A. Craig, P. M., Great Western Lodge, No. 47.

V. W. Bro. J. B. Powell, Composite Lodge, No. 30.

V. W. Bro. Jos. Hook, P. G. D. of C., No. 20.

Erie District No. 1.—W. Bro. George M. Harrison, P. M., Lorne Lodge, No. 282.

St. Clair District, No. 2.—W. Bro. Alex. Cameron, P. M., Ionic Lodge, No. 328.

London District, No. 3.—W. Bro. Wm. Thornton, P. M. St. George's Lodge, No. 42 ; W. Bro. Thomas A. Hall, P. M. St. George's Lodge, No. 42 ; W. Bro. Duncan McLarty, P. M. St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44 ; W. Bro. Hugh A. McIntyre, P. M. St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44 ; W. Bro. John D. Reilly, P. M. Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358 ; W. Bro. David Switzer, P. M. Union Lodge, No. 380.

South Huron District, No. 4.—W. Bro. J. Chidleigh, P. M. Clinton Lodge, No. 84 ; W. Bro. H. J. Powell, P. M. Stratford Lodge, No. 332.

Port Huron District, No. 5.—W. Bro. W. Ferguson, jr., P. M. Cedar Lodge, No. 396, who lost his life in a brave and successful attempt to save life in a wreck.

Wilson District, No. 6.—W. Bro. Geo. Stewart, P. M. Walsingham Lodge, No. 174 ; W. Bro. Wm. Morgan, Walsingham Lodge, No. 174.

Wellington District, No. 7.—W. Bro. Archibald Webster, P. M. Preston Lodge, No. 297 ; W. Bro. Thos. Brown, P. M. Durham Lodge, No. 306 ; W. Bro. A. J. Brewster, P. M. New Hope Lodge, No. 279 ; W. Bro. Geo. R. Bruce, P. M. Speed Lodge, No. 180.

Hamilton District, No. 8.—W. Bro. John Moodie, P. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 40 ; W. Bro. W. K. Job, P. M. St. John's

Lodge, No. 40; W. Bro. W. C. Forster, P. M. Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27.

Georgian District, No. 9.—W. Bro. Elder Boddy, P. M. Simcoe Lodge, No. 79; W. Bro. John Dickinson, P. M. Corinthian Lodge, No. 96.

Niagara District, No. 10.—W. Bro. Geo. Woods, P. M. Seymour Lodge, No. 277; W. Bro. John Graham, P. M. Seymour Lodge, No. 277; W. Bro. Senator L. McCallum, P. M. Amity Lodge, No. 32; W. Bro. John L. Fullmer, P. M. Palmer Lodge, No. 372.

Toronto West District, No. 11.—W. Bro. A. Y. Scott, P. M. Ashlar Lodge, No. 247; W. Bro. F. W. Unitt, P. M. Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65.

Toronto East District, No. 11A.—W. Bro. J. M. Hart, M. D., P. M. Brock Lodge, No. 354; W. Bro. John Patton, oldest P. M. of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218; R. W. Bro. R. A. Hunter, P. M. Orient Lodge, No. 339; W. Bro. Alex. Cameron, P. M. Ionic Lodge, No. 328.

Ontario District, No. 12.—W. Bro. John B. Powell, P. M. Norwood Lodge, No. 223; W. Bro. Geo. Reading, P. M. Hope Lodge, No. 114; W. Bro. Geo. Coulter, P. M. Hope Lodge, No. 114.

Prince Edward District, No. 13.—W. Bro. O. R. Bonter, P. M. Trent Lodge, No. 38; W. Bro. Dr. Barker, P. M. United Lodge, No. 29.

St. Lawrence District, No. 15.—W. Bro. J. B. Saunders, P. M. Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85.

Algoma District, No. 17.—W. Bro. W. G. Coulter, P. M. Hope Lodge, No. 114; W. Bro. G. M. Farewell, P. M. Keystone Lodge, No. 412.

But among the names of our brethren whose life's task is o'er, none strikes us with so keen a sense of universal loss, of personal sorrow, as that of our beloved Past Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. John J. Mason. Peacefully

He gave
His body to this pleasant country's earth,
And his pure soul unto his Captain, Christ,
Under whose colors he had fought so long.

A broad-minded, public-spirited man, a capable leader and enthusiastic friend of our citizen soldiers, a generous opponent, a devoted, unselfish friend, a consistent Christian, he will be sadly missed. To us, his death comes with a sense of grievous loss. The best known, the best loved Mason in this jurisdiction, Grand Lodge seems scarcely Grand Lodge without him.

All will mourn his loss, but you—you who were his strong, true friends, look—look with throbbing heart and fast-filling eyes at his vacant chair, and learn, as should we all, the lesson which his life has set. Yet

Why sorrow? Be content to know
His life was worthy of death's peace;
Beyond the stars his spirit lives
In blest release.

A golden sheaf of precious ripened grain, he has been gently garnered by the Great Reaper. Which of us can measure what the influence of his life has been for good? He consecrated his talents to the glory of God and the good of mankind, and who can doubt that now, in "A house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens," he enjoys the reward which the Great Architect has promised to those who conquer in His name. We shall miss him, how deeply all know, but though it be true that "Could love have kept him, then he had not died," we would not now, even if we could, recall him, who

Having won
The bound of his appointed years, at last—
Life's blessings all enjoyed, life's labor done—
Serenely to his final rest has passed,
While the soft memory of his virtues yet
Lingers like twilight hues when the bright sun is set.

Surely we may say "So rest thee, brother! Death to thee was merely the crown of life, and still a brighter crown awaited thee on the Eternal Shore."

With all of us, whether in youth or age,

Our life is but the twinkle of a star
In God's eternal day.

Others must, ere long, take our places here: how soon, who dare predict? Even now the irrevocable fiat may have gone forth for some of us. How many here to-day will next year have our names recorded by some brother's loving hand on this, our sad and silent register? Yet, what matter, if each life be an earnest and steady though faltering march upward, if our work be bravely undertaken and honestly done? When the end comes, as come it must—when we, too, mount

The great world's altar-stairs
That slope through darkness up to God.
May the truthful epitaph, writ for each of us be:
He lived as loving well his God,
And, as himself, his fellow man.

For each of us "Let the dead past bury its dead—its dead enmities, its small jealousies, its petty meannesses, its still more serious faults. Let them die, and let us rise in a higher resurrection, to purer ideals, and a nobler and truer Masonic life. Our business now is to act and work and live in the living present—live as good men and Masons, keeping ever our own shields bright, and our pure white apron, emblem and escutcheon of our Masonic life, unstained and unsullied as on the day it first was tied about us.

And if at times this be not easy, if perchance the way seems dark sometimes, and the choice of paths difficult, surely each one of us may feel that for the earnest asking it is certain that

He who, from zone to zone
Guides through the sky thy boundless flight
In the long way that I must tread alone
Will lead my steps aright.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. MORGAN,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Fraternal Dead.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

Letters were read from W. B. King, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F., and from F. J. Fitzgerald, Grand Chancellor Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Ontario.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, and

Resolved, That the letters be received and acknowledged.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, 16th July, at 11 o'clock forenoon.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, 16th July, A. D. 1903.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 11 a. m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Grand Master, on the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, on behalf of the Committee on

Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives of this Grand Lodge beg to report that there are 373 Warranted Lodges on the Grand Register ; 250 are represented by their duly qualified officers ; 95 are represented by proxy ; 13 are not represented by proxy, but have Past Masters present ; 15 are unrepresented in any way. There are 1,021 names registered, having a total of 1,775 votes.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM ROAF,

Chairman on behalf Committee on Credentials.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies be received and adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, seconded by R. W. Bro. Jas. McLaughlin, and

Resolved, that the Order of Business be suspended and that unfinished business be proceeded with.

REPORT ON REDISTRIBUTION OF
DISTRICTS.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen,

And resolved, That clause 5 of the report on Redistribution of Districts be adopted, and that the balance of the report be left over for consideration at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT :

The Board, through the Committee on the Grand Master's

Address, have the honor to report with reference to the matters contained therein.

They join with the Grand Master in the pleasure expressed by him in connection with the fraternal visit of the Grand Lodge of Michigan to this Grand Lodge last July in the city of Windsor, more especially in view of the strong friendly relations which have always existed between the two Grand Lodges, particularly as our Grand Lodge was indebted to the Grand Master of Michigan for the installation of our first Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wilson, some forty-eight years ago.

Your Board desires to congratulate Grand Lodge upon its increased prosperity, and the immense amount of work performed by the M. W. the Grand Master.

It is also pleased to note the strong feelings of satisfaction expressed throughout the jurisdiction towards the Grand Master for his numerous and timely visits to the various parts of the Province, which have stirred up an immense amount of enthusiasm in the lodges.

The Board also joins the Grand Master in his satisfaction at the increased financial prosperity of Grand Lodge, which has enabled it to liberally dispense benevolence to those in need.

The Board also desires to express its sorrow, along with the Grand Master, in the large number of deaths of prominent members of our Grand Lodge, as well as eminent brethren in sister jurisdictions. The loss of M. W. Bro. Mason, who for so long a period discharged with energy and ability the duties of Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, is most severely felt and mourned by his brethren.

The Board sympathises with the Grand Master in his desire to mark the Semi-Centennial of Grand Lodge by the creation of a special fund by which helplessly indigent brethren may be rescued from absolute poverty.

The Board concurs with the Grand Master in his recommendation that the surplus funds of Grand Lodge shall be promptly invested from time to time.

It must be satisfactory to be assured by the Grand Master that our fraternal relations with all Grand Lodges throughout the world are of the most harmonious character.

The Board desires to place on record the high esteem in which the M. W. the Grand Master is held by the Craft for his untiring zeal and his long and faithful services to Grand Lodge, and prays that the G. A. O. T. U. may give him health to continue the good work for many years to come.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. GIBSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, be received and adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance:

REPORT.

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg leave to report that having learned that at the request of the M. W. Bro. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn was appointed to act as Grand Secretary from 1st February, 1903, till the appointment of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn having examined and checked the books, as well as received all moneys, that this committee would recommend that the sum of three hundred dollars be granted the R. W. Bro. for his valuable services.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May,

That the supplementary report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION RESPECTING GRAND SECRETARY'S SALARY.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, and seconded by R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery.

That on and after this date the salary of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be reduced to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per annum, that sum to include any and all payments to assistants if any employed in the Grand Secretary's office.—Lost.

TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master appoint a committee to revise the Constitution and prepare new index, one copy of the revised Constitution to go to each lodge four months before the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Notices of motion numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were withdrawn.

Number 6 was taken up and dealt with as follows:

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That Section 22 of the Constitution be amended by inserting after the word "erased" in the first line the words "except as hereinafter provided," and by inserting after the word "service," in the eighth line, the following words, "Provided that where indubitable testimony is submitted that a lodge is guilty of maintaining practices contrary to and subversive of the ancient usages and regulations. Grand Lodge may, without such summons, proceed to erase the offending lodge."

That Clause 41 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word December and inserting the word March.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

R. W. Bro. F. F. Manly gave notice that at the next meeting of Grand Lodge he would move

That Section 10 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

1. By inserting the following words after the word appropriate in the fifth line, "Except the rank of Past Grand Master."

2. By inserting after the word appropriate, at the end of the clause, the words, "Except the rank of Past Grand Master."

3. That the following words be added to the said clause: "Provided that the notice of such intention be sent in writing by the brother who intends to propose the motion to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of March preceding the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge."

SCRUTINEERS OF BALLOT.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following Scrutineers of the Ballot for grand officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. BRO J. B. NIXON.

W. Bro. Geo. H. Mitchell, W. M. Lodge No. 65, Toronto.

" Donald Knight, P.M. Lodge No. 90, Collingwood.

" G. A. Fawcett, W.M. Lodge No. 295, Drayton.

" Fred. Yapp, P. M. Lodge No. 61, Hamilton.

" M. J. McPherson, W. M. Lodge No. 93, Kincardine.

- W. Bro. J. G. Bottomly, P.M. Lodge No. 2, Niagara.
 " Frank Saunders, P. M. Lodge No. 367, Toronto.
 " C. W. Haentschell, M.D., W.M. Lodge No. 405, Mattawa.
 " W. S. Davidson, W. M. Lodge No. 380, London.
 " J. G. Harkness, P. M. Lodge No. 125, Cornwall.
 " W. A. McIntosh, W. M. Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe.
 " J. B. Way, P. M. Lodge No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie.
 " J. McKnight, P. M. Lodge No. 247, Toronto.
 " Wm. Jackson, P. M. Lodge, No. 92, Kingston.
 Bro. E. W. Lambert, S. W. Lodge No. 262, Harriston.
 W. Bro. J. H. Smith, P. M. Lodge No. 61, Hamilton.
 " Harry Leeson, P. M. Lodge No. 316, Toronto.
 " G. H. Parlow, P. M., Lodge No. 143, Iroquois.
 " G. B. Newberry, P. M. Lodge No. 23, Richmond Hill.
 " Donald S. Stewart, W. M. Lodge No. 122, Renfrew.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the Ballot, presented the following report:

- M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C., Lindsay, Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Toronto, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, Toronto, Grand Junior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. R. V. Matthews, Hamilton, Grand Junior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. A. J. F. Cobb, North Bay, Grand Chaplain.
 M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C., Toronto, Grand Treasurer.
 R. W. Bro. C. F. Harris, Walkerton, Grand Registrar.
 M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge,
 Bro. A. E. Filton, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

- R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. William Roaf, K. C., Toronto .
 R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Barrie.
 R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Hamilton.

Subsequently the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term, namely:

- R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C., Pembroke.
 R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton.
 R. W. Bro. Allen McLean, Kingston.
 R. W. Bro. G. S. May, Ottawa.
 R. W. Bro. John McLaren, Orangeville.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts, and were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz.:

R. W. Bro. G. E. White.....	Windsor.....	Erie	Dist. No. 1
R. W. Bro. R. A. Wilmott...	Strathroy....	St. Clair	" 2
R. W. Bro. Richard Guest...	Thorndale...	London	" 3
R. W. Bro. William Elliott...	Mitchell.....	South Huron	" 4
R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutchison.	Fordwich....	North Huron	" 5
R. W. Bro. S. S. Clutton.....	Vienna.....	Wilson	" 6
R. W. Bro. J. J. Craig.....	Fergus.....	Wellington	" 7
R. W. Bro. R. A. Hutchison.	Hamilton....	Hamilton	" 8
R. W. Bro. J. D. Hamill.....	Meaford.....	Georgian	" 9
R. W. Bro. Richard Matthews	Port Colborne	Niagara	" 10
R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis.....	Thornhill....	Toronto West	" 11
R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls....	Richmond Hil	Toronto East	" 11a
R. W. Bro. J. C. Moffatt, M.D.	Norwood.....	Ontario	" 12
R. W. Bro. J. W. Wright, M.D.	Picton.....	Pr. Edward	" 13
R. W. Bro. Fred. J. Skinner..	Gananoque...	Frontenac	" 14
R. W. Bro. J. G. Harkness...	Cornwall.....	St. Lawrence	" 15
R. W. Bro. N. W. Cleary.....	Renfrew.....	Ottawa	" 16
R. W. Bro. J. W. Morgan....	Port Arthur..	Algoma	" 17
R. W. Bro. R. H. Arthur, M.D.	Sudbury.....	Nipissing	" 18
R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby.....	Parry Sound.	Muskoka	" 19

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

It was decided by ballot that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge should be held at the City of Brockville.

EXPENSES OF THE GRAND MASTER.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar,

That the actual expenses of the Grand Master for the past two years be paid. Carried.

THANKS TO TORONTO LODGES.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Committee of Management of the Toronto Lodges for the satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of the present Annual Communication.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly-elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS.

On motion of M. W. Bro. Stevenson the thanks of Grand Lodge were tendered to the Board of Scrutineers.

THANKS TO BOARD ON CREDENTIALS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Board of Credentials for their arduous services during this meeting of Grand Lodge.

THANKS TO M. W. BRO. STEVENSON.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge are due and be hereby tendered to M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., for his kindness in installing the officers of and the many services rendered by him to the Grand Lodge.

INSTRUCTIONS TO D.D.G.M.'s.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray to instruct the newly-installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office generally.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments for the ensuing year:

- V. W. Bro. Arthur Bowlby, Waterford, Grand Senior Deacon.
 " Harry Leeson, Toronto, Grand Junior Deacon.
 " Alex. MacKay, Cookstown, Grand Supt. of Works.
 " Hugh John Landreth, Berlin, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 " Robt. T. Harding, Stratford, Asst. Grand Secretary.
 " Edward W. M. Flock, London, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 " John W. Wallace, Lindsay, Grand Sword Bearer.
 " James Dixon, Hamilton, Grand Organist.
 " Richard W. Hull, North Toronto, Assistant Grand Organist.
 " Nelson M. Moore, Warton, Grand Pursuivant.
 " Thos. W. Kirkpatrick, Rodney, Grand Steward.
 " William E. Germain, Alvinston, Grand Steward.
 " Thos. G. Davis, London, Grand Steward.
 " Charles A. Humber, Goderich, Grand Steward.
 " John K. Jones, West Flamboro, Grand Steward.
 " Rich. Slogget, Niagara Falls South, Grand Steward.
 " John Muir, Toronto, Grand Steward.
 " F. Davey Diamond, Belleville, Grand Steward.
 " Thos. D. Minnes, Kingston, Grand Steward.
 " Wm. H. Kyle, Brockville, Grand Steward.
 " Hugh H. Cairns, Ottawa, Grand Steward.
 " John T. Hollinshead, Fort William, Grand Steward.
 " Harry D. Leask, North Bay, Grand Standard Bearer.
 " David S. Bale, Waterford, Grand Standard Bearer.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 5 o'clock p. m., in ample form.

ATTEST :



Hugh Murray
 Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT JUNE TH, 1903, AND Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John

No of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara	W. on or b.f.m	John H. Brown...	Saml. Campbell
3	aThe An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday..	W. T. Connell...	G. W. H. Corner.
5	aSussex	Brockville ...	3rd Monday...	A. S. Knapp....	Geo. K. Dewey...
6	The Barton	Hamilton	1st Friday.....	Fred Johnson...	J. H. Peatfield ..
7	Union	Grimsby	Th. on or b.f.m	W. F. Randall...	A. E. Phipps....
9	aUnion	Napanee	F. on or b.f.m	Wm. Rankin....	F. H. Perry
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. A. McIntosh..	Wm. P. Kelly....
11	aMoir	Belleville	W. on or b.f.m	Alfred Matthews	John Newton.....
14	aTrue Britons.....	Perth	1st Monday.....	F. G. Campbell...	F. V. Buffam ...
15	St. George's.....	St. Cathar'n's	Tu. on or b.f.m	H. O'Loughlin...	A. N. Lindsay ...
16	aSt. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	2nd Tuesday...	C. W. I. Woodland	J. T. Slater
17	St. John's.....	Colbourn	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. Bowman	Robert Buck
18	aPrince Edward...	Pictou	Th. on or b.f.m	Jas. H. Colden...	R. H. Hobbs....
20	aSt. Johns.....	London	2nd Tuesday...	Geo. F. Mills....	M. D. Dawson...
21a	aSt. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. E. Robeson...	Chas. S. Bennett
22	aKing Solomon's...	Toronto	2d Thursday...	W. R. P. Parker...	Jos. Meek
23	Richmond.....	Richm'd Hill	M. on or b.f.m	R. A. Farquhars'n	H. A. Nicholls...
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. W. Fluker...	J. A. Houston ..
25	aIonic	Toronto	1st Tuesday...	C. R. W. P'sdthwite	Geo. H. D. Lee...
26	aOntario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday...	Henry Reynolds...	W. J. Robertson
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	3rd Friday.....	G. R. Lloyd	Wm. C. Morton...
28	aMount Zion.....	Kemptville...	W. b.f.m.....	Alb. rt Langstaff	S. H. Guest.....
29	aUnited	Brighton	Th. on or b.f.m	J. C. Dixon.....	B. C. H. Becker..
30	aComposite	Whitby	1st Thursday...	Jas. H. Nicholson	Jos. White.....
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanville	W. on or b.f.m	J. C. Mitchell, M.D.	Jos. Pattinson...
32	aAmity	Dunnville	W. on or a.f.m	Juo A. Scholfeld	Ben. S. Jones....
33	aMaitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday...	W. F. Clark.....	H. W. Ball
34	aThistle	Amherstb'rg	Tu. on or b.f.m	E. J. Haynes	W. T. Eilkinson
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga	Th. on or a.f.m	J. W. Sheppard...	W. U. Anthony...
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll	1st Friday.....	J. A. Neff, M.D.	R. T. Agar
38	aTrent	T. enton	Tuesday b.f.m	E. A. Baker.....	A. E. Bywater...
39	aMount Zion.....	Brooklin	F. on or b.f.m	Edwin Snadden...	Chas. J. Spencer.
40	aSt. John's.....	Hamilton	3rd Thursday..	L. Johnston.....	W. J. McAllister.
41	aSt. George's.....	Kingsville	Th. on or b.f.m	Fred. Foster.....	Geo. Rumble....
42	aSt. George's.....	London	1st Thursday...	B. W. Dawson...	A. Ellis.....
43	King Solomon's...	Woodstock...	1st Tuesday...	Wm. Hodges.....	A. McGachie....
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas	1st Thursday...	Geo. T. Kennedy...	L. Slater
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday...	R. H. Squire.....	S. F. Passmore...
46	aWellington	Chatham	1st Monday.....	F. D. Laurie.....	Alex. Gregory...
47	aGreat Western...	Winisor	Th. on or b.f.m	David Liddell...	Geo. E. White...
48	aMa oc	Madoc	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. J. Moore.....	A. H. Watson....
50	aConsecon	Consecon	*. on or b.f.m	W. W. Locie....	D. H. Rowe.....
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday...	W. H. Sproule...	C. S. Scott.....
54	aVaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m	David W. Couper	L. Richardson...
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	Tu. on or b.f.m	John Dunlop....	G. B. Magee....
56	aVictoria.....	Sarnia	1st Tuesday...	Geo. S. Mitten...	F. C. Watson....
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. Bush.....	J. F. Senn
58	aDoric	Ottawa	1st Friday.....	J. F. Argue.....	R. O. Croil
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday.....	W. W. Alton.....	W. J. Waters...
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	W. on or b.f.m	Ed. T. Seaton...	John Thompson
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	2d Wednesday	P. A. Garvin....	A. T. Hudson....
64	aKilwinning	London	3rd Thursday...	E. W. M. Flock...	John Overell...
65	aRehoboam	Toronto	1st Thursday...	Geo. H. Mitchell	J. Webber Payne
66	aDurham	Newcastle...	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. W. McLeod...	E. Simmons....
68	aSt. John's.....	Ingersoll	3rd Friday.....	Jas. A. Cornfoot.	S. M. Dougle...
69	Stirling	Stirling	Th. after f.m.	J. E. Halliwell...	G. W. Bailey...
72	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	W. J. Taggart...	A. J. Oliver
73	aSt. James.....	St. Marys	1st Monday...	H. A. L. White...	A. Carman
74	aSt. James.....	Bethel	M. nearest f.m	Wm. C. Reid.....	W. R. Collier...
75	aSt. John's	Toronto	1st Monday...	Daniel Chisholm	Alex. Fraser....
76	aOxford	Woodstock...	2d Monday.....	E. C. Thornton...	Robt. Anderson.
77	aFaithful Brethr'n	Lindsay	1st Friday.....	Chas. Reeves....	R. G. Cornell...
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tilsenburgh..	W. on or b.f.m	L. B. Livingstone	T. L. Armstrong.
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	4th Monday...	Geo. Robinson...	T. W. W. Evans.
81	aSt. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. Young.....	Thomas C. West
82	St. John's.....	Paris	2nd Tuesday...	Robt. Bain, Jr...	S. Y. Taylor....

LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31st MAY, 1903.

the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. F. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M' m' b's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
2	11	11	8			2	4				49	Jun 1903			\$ 34 00
3	10	9	11	1	2	4	2				152	"	\$ 50		114 50
5	14	11	11	1	2	1	5				156	"	2 00		96 75
6	12	12	14	1	3	5	12				328	"			325 00
7	6	6	7	3							75	"	2 00		32 50
9	3	5	10			1					104	"	1 00		95 25
10	3	4	4		1	1					100	Dec. '02	\$56 50		50 00
11	7	2	3		1	2				1	165	Jun 1903			95 50
14	6	5	7								96	"	2 00		61 00
15	10	7	3	1	1	2				1	101	"			88 50
16	40	33	32	10	3	2	2				298	"			193 00
17	2	2	1	1	1	1	3				77	"			26 50
18	13	11	9	3	2		6			2	208	"	2 00		132 25
20	16	16	16	2	2	1				1	180	"	1 00		135 25
21a	12	10	10	5						1	65	"	16 00		45 00
22	25	9	8	1	7	2	1			1	215	"			143 25
23	4	4	3	1		1	1				35	"			26 50
24	7	7	6	6	2	4	2				123	"			94 25
25	5	3	1	4	4	2					240	Dec. '02	2 00		1 4 75
26	15	13	9	5	3		8			1	84	Jun 1903	2 00		77 00
27	12	17	13	7	2	4				2	313	"			211 75
28	2	2	3		1					2	42	"	7 00		68 00
29	8	8	5	1	4	2	1				91	"			53 25
30	4	5	4	1	2	1					76	"	1 00		19 50
31	8	4	4		1	1					73	"			51 75
32	6	3	7	7	2						92	"	29 00		91 25
33	10	9	6		1	3				2	123	"	5 00		98 50
34	7	7	8		1	2				1	57	"	10 75		32 00
35	3	5	4		7	4				1	65	Dec. '02			54 25
37	9	6	4	1							73	Jun 1903	6 00		84 75
38	10	11	10	3	1	3					93	"	1 50		72 50
39											25	Jun 1802			15 00
40	15	15	15	6	3	9	6			3	360	Jun 1903			2 8 50
41	3	2	7								94	"			72 50
42	3	3	2	3		2	4				93	Dec. '02			147 00
43	17	17	14		2	4	5			3	120	Jun 1903			96 75
44	11	10	14	10	5	3	6			2	200	"	2 00		132 50
45	12	6	10	2	3	1	4			6	162	"	8 50		154 25
46	18	15	17	3	1	2				2	151	Dec. '02	3 50		128 00
47	15	10	9	3	1	3	9			1	227	Jun '03			164 50
48	11	5	2	1		2					98	"	3 25		53 25
50	3	3	1		1		3			1	38	Dec. '02	1 00		44 75
52	15	7	9	3	2	1	1			1	156	Jun 1903		4 00	101 00
54			1								36	"	1 50		21 50
55	16	12	10		1	1				1	72	"			76 25
56	13	16	13	3	1	1				1	148	"	6 00		102 75
57	2	3	2		1		8				53	"			58 00
58	7	3	5	1	4						119	"			75 50
61	17	19	19	2	5	1	7			6	302	"	3 00		212 50
62	2	2	1			1	3				46	"	13 00		35 50
63	7	8	7	2	2	2					142	"			117 00
64	8	7	6		3	2	5				177	"			4 00
65	20	17	17	2	6	3	2				248	"	2 00		122 75
66	1	1	2		1	1					23	Dec. '02			8 50
68	5	3	3		2						83	Jun 1903			56 25
69	10	6	4	2	3		10			2	64	"			42 00
72	14	13	14		2	1	3				108	"	1 00		64 00
73	7	6	5		2	1	4			1	73	"			52 50
74	5	5	4		1		5				47	"	4 50		46 50
75	13	14	9	2	1	3	6			1	239	"	1 00		141 75
76	12	12	11	1	3	2				2	132	"			100 00
77	8	6	8	2	5	1				3	111	"			69 00
78	15	15	5	2	1	1				1	131	"			40 75
79	2	2	1			1					62	Dec. '02			35 75
81	1					1					48	Jun 1903	2 00		25 50
82	1	4	4	2	2					1	60	"			47 00

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT JUNE 24TH, 1903, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy...	F. on or a.f.m	Robt. Cornyn...	R. F. Richardson
84	aClinton.....	Clinton.....	F. on or a.f.m	A. J. Holloway...	Andrew Porter...
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	Th. on or b.f.m	J. F. Purvis, M.D.	Jas. Ross.....
86	aWilson.....	To. onto.....	3rd Tuesday...	Thos. A. Duff...	W. P. Thomson...
87	Markham Union...	Markham...	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. Gormley...	R. A. Mason.....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound...	W. on or b.f.m	P. W. Hair.....	Jo'n M. Campbell
89	aManito.....	Collingwood...	W. on or a.f.m	A. D. Knight....	W. T. Herrington
90	aColborne.....	Colborne....	F. on or b.f.m	W. G. Neill.....	Geo. Keyes.....
91	aCataqua.....	Kingston....	2d Wednesday...	Wm. Jackson.....	Robt. Hendry....
92	aNorthern Light...	Kincardine...	1st Wednesday...	M. J. McPherson	R. D. Hall.....
93	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	2d Tuesday....	Walter Mitchell.	Edw. Witty.....
94	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	1st Thursday...	Alfred Wilkes...	Donald Ross....
95	aSharon.....	Sharon.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. T. Power.....	B. F. Pearson, M.D
96	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	F. on or a.f.m	John McCabe....	A. E. Bolton....
97	aTuscan.....	Newmarket...	2d Wednesday...	P. J. Anderson...	C. B. Prosser...
98	Valley.....	Dundas.....	2nd Monday....	M. D. Leeson....	F. A. Latshaw...
99	aCorinthian.....	Peterboro'...	W. on or b.f.m	D. Walker.....	H. R. H. Kenner.
100	aMaple Leaf.....	S. Catharines	Last Thursday...	Jabez Newman...	H. J. Johnston...
101	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	W. on or a.f.m	H. Von V'lkenb'rg	G. W. Poldon....
102	aSt. Mark's.....	N. Falls S'th.	Tu. on or b.f.m	R. G. Murray....	R. Sloggett.....
103	aBurford.....	Burford.....	W. on or b.f.m	R. J. Gant.....	Geo. Armstrong.
104	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	W. on or b.f.m	Albert Jones....	Alex. Taylor....
105	Blenheim.....	Princeton....	F. on or a.f.m	F. J. Daniel....	John Somerville
106	aAlbion.....	Har'ow'smith	F. on or b.f.m	Jno. A. Gallagher	James Cooke....
107	aCentral.....	Prescott....	1st Tuesday....	J. T. Rosebrook.	H. H. Wells.....
108	aWilson.....	Waterford...	W. on or b.f.m	P. G. Pease.....	J. H. Mills.....
109	aHope.....	Port Hope....	1st Friday.....	Jas. Sprv.....	Thos. H. Bell....
110	aIvy.....	Beamsville...	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. S. Prudhomme	W. H. Bulmer...
111	aCassia.....	'Thedford....	M. on or b.f.m	H. S. Clerk.....	Geo. Watcher...
112	Union.....	Schomberg...	M. on or b.f.m	Francis Attridge	W. J. Brereton...
113	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	M. before f. m	H. S. Northmore.	F. W. Armstrong
114	W'rran.....	Fingal.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	L. J. Else.....	D. Cameon.....
115	aDoric.....	Brantford....	3rd Friday.....	Jas. A. Spence...	Jno. H. Spence...
116	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	1st Monday....	Don. S. Stewart.	M. McKinnon...
117	aThe Belleville...	Belleville....	1st Thursday...	A. McGee.....	David Barragar.
118	aCornwall.....	Cornwall....	1st Wednesday...	A. E. McLean....	Jo. n Ridley....
119	aGolden Rule.....	Cam'bellford	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. A. Mulholland	Geo. T. Dickson
120	aFrank.....	Frankford....	M. before f. m	C. H. Ketcheson.	W. A. Black....
121	aPembroke.....	Pembroke....	1st Thursday...	Alex. Morris....	R. W. Gordon...
122	aThe Rising Sun...	Aurora.....	1st Friday....	Eli Braund.....	W. H. Birchard...
123	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southern'ton	Tu. on or a.f.m	Jas. Burns.....	Daniel McIver...
124	aLebanon Forest...	Exeter.....	M. on or b.f.m	Lewis H. Dickson	C. H. Sanders...
125	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	Th. on or b.f.m	R. K. Anderson.	W. G. McKenzie.
126	Richardson.....	Stouffville...	Th. on or b.f.m	A. P. Brace.....	J. W. Shankel...
127	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	F. nearest f.m	F. A. Clarke....	J. Patterson...
128	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	2nd Tuesday...	W. A. Hare.....	W. E. N. Sinclair
129	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. Stewart....	C. F. Burdick...
130	aTudor.....	Mitchell....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. Schafer....	A. J. Blowes...
131	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg...	F. on or b.f.m	J. C. Casselman.	John Warren...
132	aFriendly Brothers	Iroquois.....	Wednes' b.f.m	B. F. Smith.....	A. B. Carman...
133	aTecumseh.....	Stratford....	3rd Friday.....	John Stevenson.	Chris. McLennan
134	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook....	Th. on or b.f.m	H. A. Patterson.	Chas. Thorndyke
135	aPrince of Wales...	Newburgh....	Wednes' a.f.m	Hy. C. Smith....	G. A. Aylesworth
136	aMississippi.....	Almonte.....	1st Friday....	N. H. Washburn.	W. S. Boyd.....
137	aCivil Service.....	Ottawa.....	2d Tuesday....	C. H. Beddoe...	Hy. O. Hewit...
138	aErie.....	Port Dover...	M. on or b.f.m	F. M. Bond.....	J. Varey.....
139	aThe Grand River	Berlin.....	2d Tuesday....	C. A. Wilson....	W. Weidenham'r.
140	aBurns.....	Wyoming....	Th. on or b.f.m	Calvin Hodgins.	J. M. Wilson...
141	aIrving.....	Lucan.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Chris. Hodgins.	John A. Barnard
142	aPeterboro'.....	Peterboro'...	1st Friday.....	John Crane.....	W. H. Walkey...
143	aYork.....	N. Toronto...	3rd Friday.....	R. J. Gibson....	W. J. Douglas...
144	Simpson.....	Newboro'....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. S. Johnson.	Jas. H. Butler...
145	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs...	Thurs'd a.f.m	A. W. Parks....	W. S. Duggan...
146	aGoodwood.....	Richmond...	W. on or b.f.m	R. C. Channon'se	H. Reilly.....
147	aPercy.....	Warkworth...	Wednes' b.f.m	J. F. Glover....	S. Oliver.....
148	Forest.....	Wroxeter....	M. on or b.f.m	Thos. Brown....	J. R. Weendt...

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No. of Lodges	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths.	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M'mb's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
83	5	2	2	2	3					2	60	Dec. '02			\$ 61 00
84	12	9	6		1	1					70	Jun1903			46 00
85			2	2	2						61	Dec. '02			50 00
86	15	12	10	1	6	12				1	201	Jun1903			194 25
87	5	5	2			1					39	"			25 00
88	22	24	19	1		2	3			2	114	"			107 00
90	13	10	6	3		1	3				150	"	\$ 2 00		98 00
91	2	4	5	2	2	3	3				91	"	\$ 51 00		38 25
92	14	9	10		2	1	1				138	Dec. '02			109 75
93					5	1	7			3	81	Jun1903	1 00		54 25
94	2	2	3		2	1	3			1	43	"			39 75
96	9	7	6	2	2	3					165	"			101 75
97	1	2	3	1							61	"		2 00	36 75
98	5	3	2	1	1	1	10			3	47	Dec. '02	9 75		80 75
99	5	5	1	1	1	1				2	58	Jun1903			55 50
100	7	8	8	1						2	95	"			68 00
101	10	12	10		1		2				112	"		3 00	60 50
103	19	13	12	2	1	1	2			1	131	"		2 00	136 25
104	4	3	3		3						82	"			47 00
105	12	6	4		1	1				1	79	"			51 00
106	2	2	3		5	1	8			1	63	"	1 00		42 00
107	2			1	2						61	"	15 00		39 75
108	1	1	1		1						29	"			16 50
109	5	5	3		3						63	"			35 25
110	2	3	3	1	1	1					99	"			72 00
113	10	10	14	1	3		1				89	"		6 00	85 25
114	17	18	15		2	2					94	"			79 75
115	7	5	7	1	1						81	"		2 00	69 25
116	2	2	2		1						36	"	3 00		17 00
118	1	1			2					1	19	"	1 00		13 50
119	1	1	2		1		1			1	28	"	1 00		27 50
120	7	7	6	1							52	"			50 50
121	35	17	11	1	3	2	1			5	235	"	9 25		146 50
122	7	7	7	2	2						112	"			73 00
123	4	4	3		6		3			1	148	"			84 50
125	4	6	7	1		1	4				85	"			70 50
126	3	3	3	1							41	Dec. '02			34 00
127	8	5	2	1	2		3				78	Jun1 03	20 25		91 00
128	5	5	5	1	2	1					135	"			86 50
129	8	8	7		3						60	"	45 25		46 50
131	5	4	2	1							59	"			35 75
133	5	4	6	1		1	1			1	79	"			60 00
135	4	6	8	1	2						75	Dec. '02		2 00	55 75
136	4	3	3	2	2	2	2				46	Jun1903			39 00
137	5	5	8	1	3	1				2	70	Dec. '02			42 00
139	7	10	5	1		2	2			1	72	"			55 75
140	6	5	6	3	2	1	1				99	Jun1903			60 00
141			1	1	5	1					43	Dec. '02	10 00		25 00
142	7	7	7		1	1					59	Jun1903			41 50
143	10	5	6	1	7	3				9	94	Dec. '02			85 25
144	6	9	6	3	2					1	133	Jun1903	33 50		57 00
145	1	1	1		1						51	"			40 75
146	0	1	1			1					52	Dec. '02		13 25	28 75
147	9	8	7	2	4						90	Jun1903		2 00	64 00
148	4	1	4	5	2						86	Dec. '02	2 00		64 00
149	7	7	7	2	2	2				1	60	"			89 50
151	6	12	12	2	2	3					122	Jun1903			57 50
153	9	7	6	1	1						80	"	6 00		57 00
154	3	3	4			1					59	Dec. '02	1 50		44 50
155	15	14	11	1	3	1					168	Jun1903			108 75
156	4	4	2	1	5		5				71	"			56 50
157	5	3	3				7				55	"			39 50
158	3	3	2	1	1	1				1	60	"			45 75
159	3	5	5		3						82	Dec. '02		4 00	82 00
161	3	2	2								62	"	2 50		39 25
162	7	4	4	1	1		2			1	30	Jun1903			17 75

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1903, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting	W Master.	Secretary.
164	aStar in the East.	Wellington...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas. D. Stinson...	W.W. Fitzgerald.
165	aBurlington	Burlington...	W. on or b.f.m	B. S. Hicks.....	W. F. Alton
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek...	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Spera	R. H. Dewar
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m	H. Weller.....	John Coulson ..
169	aMacnab	Pt. Colborne...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm. McCracken...	John Cook
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	1st Monday.....	Oscar Neil	L. C. Jackson
171	aPrince of Wales ..	Lawrence St'n	F. on or a.f.m	Alf. Widdifield...	J. A. McIntyre...
172	aAyr	Ayr.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. Anderson	J. P. Wyllie
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan...	Th.on or b.f.m	Rev. A. Store.....	Jas. Ryan
177	The Builders'	Ottawa	2d Friday.....	J. Bingham.....	H. H. Cairns
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville ..	F. on or b.f.m	Robt. Johnston...	W. R. Henderson ..
180	aSpeed	Guelph	1st Tuesday...	A. Summers	Wm. Parker
181	aOriental	Port Burwell...	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Kemp.....	M. G. Burwell ..
184	aOld Light.....	Lucknow.....	Th.on or b.f.m	Jos. Lyons	Harry Days
185	aEnniskillen.....	York	M. on or b.f.m	F. W. Brown.....	Rev C. Scudamore ..
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet.	M. on or b.f.m	Rev. J. McLaren...	W. A. Chamberlain
190	aBelmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m	D. A. McPherson...	Jas. McMillan....
192	aOrillia	Orillia.....	F. on or b.f.m	J. H. Sheppard...	John McBain.....
193	aScotland	Scotland.....	M. on or b.f.m	Arch. Dawson...	Jas. Malcolm.....
194	aPetrolea	Petrolea	2d Wednesday...	W. J. Barrett...	Mathew Smith....
195	aThe Tuscan	London	1st Monday.....	S. J. Radcliffe...	Hon. E. Maingait
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	2d Monday.....	H. W. W. Gardner	G. F. Macnabb ..
197	aSaugen	Walkerton ..	2d Tuesday.....	R. C. Cheswright	R. E. Richardson ..
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	F. on or b.f.m	R. H. Gardiner...	S. A. Pennock ..
201	aLeeds	Gananoque...	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. G. Graham.....	W. Y. Boyd
203	Irvine	Elora	3rd Friday.....	Wm. J. Arthur...	Edward Burns....
205	New Dominion ..	N. Hamburg ..	M. on or a.f.m	J. J. Walters	S. G. Holley
207	aLancaster	Lancaster...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jno. A. McArthur	W. N. McGillis...
209a	aSt. John's.....	London	1st Friday.....	S. J. Southcott...	T. A. Rowat
209	Evergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday...	D. P. McIntosh...	W. A. Field
212	aElysian	Gar'n Island	1st Monday.....	John Kennedy...	Thos. Lappen
215	aLake	Ameliasburg	F. on or b.f.m	W. E. Anderson ..	J. I. Coleman.....
216	aHarris	Orangeville...	Tu.on or b.f.m	John W. Neil	D. McPherson.....
217	aFrederick	Delhi	M. on or b.f.m	W. H. Whitside...	A. W. Crysler...
218	aStevenson	Toronto	2d Monday.....	Jos. Leake	Geo. Wilson
219	aCredit	Georgetown...	F. on or b.f.m	T. J. Speight...	T. R. Earney.....
220	aZeradatha	Uxbridge.....	M. on or b.f.m	John Barker	V. M. Hare
221	aMountain	Thorold	W. on or b.f.m	W. F. Bald	W. T. Fish
222	aMarmora	Marmora.....	Tuesd'y b.f.m	J. W. Pearce.....	R. Snell
223	aNorwood	Norwood	Tu.on or b.f.m	S. P. Ford, M.D...	W. H. Harper
224	aZurich	Hensall	Th.on or b.f.m	Alfred Scruton...	Jas. Bonthron ..
225	aBernard	Listowel	F. on or b.f.m	A. H. Nichol.....	D. D. Campbell ..
228	aPrince Arthur...	Odessa	M. on or a.f.m	Fred. Adams.....	Robt. Bennett...
229	aIonic	Brampton...	3rd Tuesday...	J. G. Roberts.....	W. H. McFadden ..
230	Kerr	Barrie	3rd Monday...	T. H. Neelands ..	Fred. Marr
231	Lodge of Fidelity.	Ottawa	3rd Tuesday...	S. S. Davidson...	John F. Stewart.
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m	D. A. Cameron...	J. R. Paton
233	aDoric	Park Hill.....	M. on or b.f.m	O. A. Griffith...	F. J. Hutchins...
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Geo. Mitchell....	J. H. Dickinson...
235	Aldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m	H. B. Putnam....	F. E. Sheppard...
236	aManitoba	Cookstown...	Tu.on or a.f.m	Alex. McKay, M.D	H. Coleman
237	Vienna	Vienna	F. on or b.f.m	Benj. Frian.....	S. S. Cluton
238	Hayelock	Watford	Tues. b. f. m...	W. B. Race.....	David Watt
239	Tweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m	S. W. Reynolds...	Jas. Murray
242	aMacoy	Mallorytown	M. on or b.f.m	A. W. Mallory...	D. S. Mallory.....
243	aSt George	St. George...	Th.on or b.f.m	Jos. Vanatter...	Ben. G. Lucas....
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville.	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. J. Chidlice...	James Brown.....
247	aAshlar	Toronto	4th Tuesday...	Thos. Reid	J. D. Bailey.....
249	aCaledonian	Midland	M. on or b.f.m	W. E. Preston...	R. P. Reid
250	Thistle	Embro	Th.on or b.f.m	R. A. Geddes...	Columbus Ross...
253	aMinden	Kingston	1st Tuesday...	Wm. Mundell...	T D Minnes.....
254	Clifton	Niag. Falls...	1st Thursday...	S. D. Warren...	Alex. Gray
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden	2d Thursday...	H. J. French	J. B. Webster ..
256	aFarran's Point...	Aultsville....	W. on or b.f.m	J. M. Cook.....	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	1st Tuesday...	F. S. Jarvis.....	A. J. Doke.....

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													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
164	7	5	4	1	2	1	60	Jun 1503	4 00	\$ 43 25
165	2	4	9	1	68	Dec. '02	82 75
166	6	6	5	1	95	"	57 00
168	6	5	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77	Jun 1903	.....	2 00	51 00
169	3	4	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	"	.....	2 00	38 25
170	3	3	2	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	91	"	2 00	.....	66 75
171	3	4	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	46	"	10 00	.....	22 00
172	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	26	Jun 190	.....	.....	20 50
174	2	3	4	1	1	2	4	.....	.....	.....	50	Jun 1903	.....	.....	47 00
177	14	13	12	7	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	148	"	.....	.....	144 00
178	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	"	10 25	.....	13 25
180	2	4	7	.....	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	72	"	.....	.....	48 50
181	8	6	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	33	"	.....	.....	18 25
184	9	11	13	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	75	"	3 00	.....	85 00
185	2	2	2	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	Dec. '02	5 25	.....	52 50
186	4	5	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	"	.....	.....	1 00
190	3	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	Jun 1903	.....	.....	30 50
192	15	15	18	2	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	122	"	81 50	.....	96 00
193	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	"	.....	.....	17 75
194	6	5	3	.....	1	.....	4	.....	.....	2	75	"	.....	.....	39 75
195	3	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	Dec. '02	2 00	.....	44 00
196	3	2	5	2	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	86	Jun 1903	1 50	.....	62 50
197	4	5	3	1	6	1	4	.....	.....	1	57	"	.....	.....	56 75
200	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	56	"	17 00	.....	41 50
201	8	13	14	1	4	1	1	.....	.....	1	113	Dec. '02	9 00	.....	169 25
203	2	2	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	Jun 1903	.....	.....	33 25
205	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	"	.....	1 00	22 50
207	24	22	23	2	7	3	.....	.....	.....	4	68	"	18 25	.....	2 00
209a	26	22	26	6	3	3	1	.....	.....	1	223	"	4 00	.....	210 50
209	5	4	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	"	.....	.....	49 00
212	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	June '02	.....	.....	11 00
215	3	5	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	Jun 1	.....	.....	17 00
216	17	15	11	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	135	"	.....	.....	106 25
217	5	4	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	66	"	33 75	.....	50 00
218	30	28	23	5	3	3	3	.....	.....	4	229	"	1 00	.....	145 25
219	2	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	"	2 00	.....	21 50
220	7	5	4	1	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	83	"	.....	2 00	76 25
221	5	4	4	.....	3	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	77	"	.....	.....	57 25
222	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	Jun 1902	.....	.....	26 75
223	24	23	17	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	Jun 1903	.....	.....	52 75
224	2	2	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	"	.....	.....	37 00
225	5	4	2	1	5	2	.....	.....	.....	1	87	"	2 00	.....	51 75
228	3	1	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	"	.....	2 00	21 75
229	9	7	5	1	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	74	"	.....	1 00	51 00
230	6	6	6	.....	3	2	4	.....	.....	1	99	"	.....	.....	61 00
231	17	14	12	.....	3	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	126	"	.....	.....	87 50
232	9	11	10	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	"	.....	.....	52 00
233	5	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	"	.....	.....	25 00
234	9	8	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	"	.....	.....	34 25
235	7	3	3	2	4	1	2	.....	.....	.....	40	"	.....	.....	.....
236	12	5	3	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	43	"	.....	.....	34 25
237	9	8	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	48	"	.....	.....	28 00
238	3	3	2	.....	4	2	1	.....	.....	1	55	"	.....	.....	37 00
239	16	14	12	.....	4	2	3	.....	.....	.....	58	"	.....	98 50	26 00
242	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	Dec. '02	.....	.....	46 50
243	7	5	5	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	Jun 1903	.....	.....	49 25
245	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	Dec. '02	.....	.....	55 75
247	21	21	18	10	3	3	3	.....	.....	2	262	Jun 1903	.....	.....	227 25
249	17	13	14	3	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	"	.....	10 00	95 25
250	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	2	26	"	14 50	.....	2 00
253	6	6	5	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	81	"	.....	.....	80 25
254	15	8	5	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	110	"	.....	.....	68 00
255	4	6	6	2	1	1	59	Dec. '02	2 00	90 25
256	5	6	4	1	53	Jun 1903	45 50
257	11	12	12	4	2	3	93	"	8 50	78 00

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
255	Guelph	Guelph	2d Tuesday...	W. H. Conway...	James Hastings.
260	a Washington	Petrolia	1st Wednesday	S. McWhorter ...	B. Dunlop
261	a Oak Branch	Innerkip	Th. on or b.f.m	W. I. Hewson...	R. Q. Irving
262	a Harriston	Harriston	2d Monday...	Arch. F. Ballins...	John A. Copland
263	a Forest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m	Donald Ross ...	P. W. Campbell
264	a Chaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday...	T. E. Burnside...	Thos. Saunders.
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Th. on or b.f.m	John Breakay ...	Wm. Riddell.....
266	a Northern Light..	S. ayner	Tu. on or b.f.m	Dr. McLeod	J. W. Bethune ...
267	Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesday	John Darling....	J. S. Morrison ...
268	a Verulam	Bobcaygeou...	F. on or b.f.m	Wm. A. Davis...	Chas. E. Stewart
269	a Brougham Union	Claremont	W. on or a.f.m	Jas. Douglas ...	Thos. Gregg
270	a Cedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday...	Rev. J. J. Rae...	L. K. Murton
271	Wellington	Erin	W. on or b.f.m	John House	J. D. Leitch
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. Hossack ...	G. D. Farmer, MD
274	a Kent	Blenheim	2d Monday ...	E. G. Palmer ...	J. Crookshank ...
276	a Teeswater	Teeswater	4th Friday ...	Geo. S. Fowler...	J. Farquahar: on
277	a Seymour	P. Dalhousie.	W. on or b.f.m	Robt. Walton ...	Geo. Powell
279	New Hope	Hespeler	W. on or b.f.m	W. C. Shaw	Jno. Jardine
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Th. on or b.f.m	W. C. Benson ...	Edwin Gale
283	a Eureka	Belleville	W. a. f. m.....	Chas. N. Sulman	W. J. Diamond...
284	St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. H. Cameron...	John Wright
285	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. Hutchison.	H. M. Wright
286	a Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday...	Col. A. Campbell	A. A. Moron
287	a Shuniah	Port Arthur..	1st Tuesday...	G. W. Brown, MD	John Ritchie
289	a Doric	Lobo	Th. on or b.f.m	D. A. Steels	P. L. Graham, MD
290	a Leamington	Leamington ..	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. Irwin	R. J. Kerr
291	a Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Th. on or b.f.m	Jos. C. Sharpa...	Alfred Jones.....
292	a Robertson	King	M. on or b.f.m	Aubrey Davis ...	A. Carley
293	a F. Roy. Sol. Moth	Jerusal'm Pa	1st Wednesday		
294	a Moore	Courtright ..	Th. on or b.f.m	Thos. H. Carter	R. G. Stewart
295	a Conestogo	Drayton	Tu. on or a.f.m	G. A. Fawcett...	J. G. Ooram
296	a Temple	St. Catharin's	Last Wednes...	John Evans	K. G. Beaton
297	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m	B. W. Ziemann...	Jos. Baltzer
299	Victoria	Centreville ..	Th. on or b.f.m	A. B. Carscallen	Robt. Cox
300	a Mount Olivet	Thorndale	Tu. on or b.f.m	John W. Ford...	M. N. Wright
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday	John C. Spencer	Fred. S. Lewis ...
303	a Blyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m	Peter W. Scott...	J. M. Hamilton...
304	a Minerva	Stroud	Tu. on or b.f.m	Anson B. Ack	Jas. Black
305	Humber	Weston	W. on or b.f.m	A. Lamb	C. Barker
306	Durham	Durham	Tu. on or b.f.m	Thos. Black	W. H. Bean
307	a Arkona	Arkona	Th. on or b.f.m	Hugh Russell...	Fred. Nelson
309	a Morning Star	Smith's Hill ..	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Young	John Varcoc
311	a Blackwood	Woodbridge ..	F. on or b.f.m	Rev. W. Reid	T. A. Agar
312	a Pnyx	Wallaceburg ..	M. on or b.f.m	J. A. Quennell...	E. E. Parker
313	a Clementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday...	Wesley Sherin...	R. Q. Dench
314	a Blair	Palmerston ..	F. after f. m...	D. A. McDonald	H. McEwing
315	Clifford	Cliff rd	3rd Monday...	W. I. Huston...	R. E. Bigger
316	a Doric	Toronto	3d Thursday...	H. A. Collins ...	H. C. Griffith
318	Wilnot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m	J. A. Butler, MD	Alf. Kaufman
319	a Hiram	Hagersville ..	Th. on or b.f.m	D. J. Almas	F. S. Lindsay...
320	a Chesterville	Chesterville ..	M. on or b.f.m	A. M. Fulton...	H. P. D. Evans...
321	a Walker	Acton West ..	M. on or b.f.m	A. T. Brown	W. Stark
322	a North Star	Owen Sound ..	W. a. f. m.....	W. P. Telford, Jr.	J. F. McCallum...
323	a Alvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m	Parson P. Winn	R. Code
324	a Temple	Hamilton	2d Tuesday...	J. W. Lamoreaux	Thos. Pedler
325	a Orono	Orono	Th. on or b.f.m	Neil Colville...	Thomas Smith...
326	a Zetland	Toronto	4th Friday...	O. F. Rice	J. H. Macabe
327	The Hammond	Wardsville ..	3rd Tuesday...	Robt. L. Lord...	D. Johnson
328	Ionic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m	W. L. Toohill...	W. H. Sutherland
329	a King Solomon	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m	John J. Parsons.	Dav d Hill
330	a Corinthian	London East ..	1st Tuesday...	A. H. Brener ...	H. C. Simpson ...
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Th. on or b.f.m	Thos. Littlejohn.	A. C. Hutchison..
332	Stratford	Stratford	2nd Monday...	Andrew Tilley ..	R. M. Cassels ..
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton ..	F. on or b.f.m	F. H. W. Hickling	Ch's H. Munshaw
334	a Prince Arthur ..	Arthur	Tues. after f.m	Geo. Spotton...	E. W. Broklebank

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													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
258	6	6	7	1	2	1	11				82	Jun1903			\$ 56 50
260	4	3	2				4				76	Dec. '02			45 50
261	4	4	4							1	28	Jun1903		3 00	20 25
262	9	6	5		2						82	"			64 25
263	2	2	1							1	71	"	\$ 2 00		54 00
264	9	10	7		1		2	2			122	"	3 00		98 00
265	2	2		2	1		1				41	"	2 75		30 75
266	1			1	2		1			2	20	"			19 50
267	11	10	7	1							82	"	6 00		29 50
268	5	3				1					32	"			21 75
269	7	6	5	3	2						48	"	75		55 50
270											15	Jun1902			45 00
271	5	6	6		1	1				1	53	Dec. '02			47 75
272	4	3	4	1	3						74	Jun1903		14 00	59 75
274	4	3	4		3		5				63	"			46 75
276	3	3	2		2	1	1			2	22	"		4 00	32 25
277	3	1	1			4	2				29	Dec. '02			32 25
279	4	1	2			2					56	Jun1903			47 25
282	5	5	4		1	2					52	"			18 75
283				2	1		4				60	"			39 00
284	3	1	1			1	1				62	"	17 00		50 00
285	11	12	9		3	1					58	"		2 00	54 50
286	9	10	9	1	1	1	3				67	"			69 75
287	9	10	10	2	4	2				2	109	"	1 00		89 25
289					1						42	Dec. '02			13 00
290	5	1		3			4				94	Jun1903	1 00		55 00
291	11	8	9		1						65	"		50	59 75
292	1	1	1								39	"	1 00		25 25
293													6 25		75 00
294	1	1		1		1					33	Jun1903		2 00	43 00
295	4	4	4	1						1	42	"			41 00
296	1	1	1		3	3				1	59	"			36 75
297	2	2	2	3		1					44	"			30 75
299											32	Jun1902		8 00	
300	1	1	1		3	1	1				33	Jun1903			18 50
302	16	16	17		3	3				1	179	"	47 75		101 50
303	2	2	1		4	1				1	48	"			28 00
304	2	2	3	1		1				1	29	"	1 00		18 75
305	8	7	6	1	4	1	1				45	"			32 00
306	4	6	4	1	2	2				1	46	"			46 75
307		3	4								38	"			34 00
309	5	5	5			2					50	Dec. '02			44 50
311	11	8	9	1	1						40	Jun1903	3 00		
312	3	2	4		1					1	79	Dec. '02	1 00		76 50
313	4	4	5	1		3					59	Jun1903			44 00
314	3	1	1		1						61	"			45 25
315	4	4	3		2	1					25	"			18 75
316	39	28	10	18	6	1	2			2	190	"			204 00
318											35	Jun1902			20 00
319	1	2	2	1							38	"	29 50		
320	7	6	5	1	2		15			5	84	Jun1903	1 75		54 75
321	4	4	3	1			2			1	46	"		4 00	32 75
322	25	22	15	6	4	1				1	119	"			146 25
323	2	1	1			1					54	"			38 50
324	20	24	26	4	6	5	5	1		1	299	"			239 50
325	5	5	3	1	1						34	"			23 00
326	30	29	19	13	5	1	8				387	"		1 00	270 00
327	3	2	2	1	4	1					20	Jun1902	11 50		10 00
328											39	Dec. '02			
329	5	5	3		2						44	Jun1903			29 75
330	4	5	5			2				1	102	Dec. '02			92 25
331	2	2	2				2				28	"	1 50		23 00
332	2	9	9	3	2	2					152	Jun1903			48 00
333	5	5	4	1	1	1	2			1	51	"			42 00
334					1						42	Dec. '02	12 00		25 50

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1903, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
336	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m	Wm. Oldfield	J. W. Ward
337	aMyrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. Hugh Bell	C. B. Bennett
338	aDufferin	Welland port	Tu. on or b.f.m	John Lampman	Jas. R. Goring
339	aOrient	Toronto	1st Tuesday	J. B. Reeves	F. H. Anderson
341	aBruce	Tiverton	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. S. Evans	J. M. Bowin
343	aGeorgina	Toronto	1st Saturday	H. W. Martin	J. M. Sumner
344	aMerrill	Dorch'st r S'n	Th. on or b.f.m	Fred. Sanders	John Sharp
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	Tu. on or b.f.m	McK. Proenunior	J. McDougall
346	aThe Occident	Toronto	3d Wednesday	G. V. Foster	John Lilhe
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday	Alex. Wyness	James Beattie
348	aGeorgian	Pen tang'she	1st Thursday	A. G. Breed	N. S. Kenny
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	3d Wednesday	Donald W. Ross	D. Macfarlane
354	aBrook	Cannington	W. on or b.f.m	H. Lacey	Joseph A. Kift
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville	Tu. on or b.f.m	James Miller	Wm. Taylor
357	aWaterdown	Millgrove	Tu. on or b.f.m	B. G. Ryckman	John Douglass
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	R. M. Fie	J. R. Hammond
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	W. C. Mitchell	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	1st Tuesday	F. S. Cocorane	Fred. W. Mills
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday	W. E. Buckingham	A. L. Knowles
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Collins	Jas. A. McDonald
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	John J. Wren	Jas. Coulter
367	aSt. George	Toronto	1st Friday	Geo. F. Spry	R. C. Gallagher
368	aSalem	Brockville	2nd Monday	A. Graham	I. N. Marshall
369	aMimico	Lambton M.	Tu. on or b.f.m	H. E. Tremayne	Frank F. Reeves
370	aHarmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m	L. N. Phelps	J. W. Russell
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	4th Friday	H. V. Pain	John B. Wright
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	Tu. on or a.f.m	J. H. Fickle	J. G. Watts
373	aCoonestone	Welland	1st Thur day	E. P. Robins	Thomas Main
374	aKeene	Keene	Th. on or b.f.m	Thos. B'yard	J. M. Shaw, M.D.
375	aLorne	Omamee	1st Thursday	G. S. Cameron MD	G. H. English
376	aUnity	Huntsville	2d Wednesday	T. M. Cullon	Oscar Wieler
377	aLorne	Shelburne	1st Friday	Wm. Laing	Chas. Mason
378	aKing Solomon's	London West	2nd Thursday	J. P. Element	W. Nicholl
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	W. on or b.f.m	Samuel Lampport	Al. x. Grant
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday	W. S. Davidson	Jos. Ward
382	aDoric	Hamilton	3rd Monday	W. M. McCle ment	C. V. Emory, M.D.
383	aHenderson	W. Winch'ter	1st Tuesday	Geo. Johnson	D. B. Oliver
384	aAlpha	Toronto	1st Thursday	Frank E. Luke	E. J. Voss
385	aSpry	Beeton	W. on or a.f.m	D. J. Dunn, M.D.	J. R. Croft
386	aMcColl	West Lorne	M. on or b.f.m	Daniel McKillop	Wm. A. Becker
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	Th. on or b.f.m	W. G. Johnston	M. R. McDonald
388	aHenderson	Ilderton	M. on or b.f.m	Pet r Bowe	T. H. Martiu
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b.f.m	John H. McCuly	W. H. Waddell
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th. on or b.f.m	D. E. McDonald	J. D. McMillan
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m	David Wilson	W. H. Ellsworth
392	aHuron	Camlachie	W. on or a.f.m	Geo. C. Fulcher	A. Trusler
393	aForest	Chesley	1st Tuesday	John R. Little	W. T. Ross
394	aKing Solomon	Thamesford	W. on or b.f.m	W. W. Day	Jas. T. Lloyd
395	aParvain	Comber	Fri. on or b.f.m	N. G. Ainslie	A. G. Moffat
396	aCedar	Wiarton	Tu. on or b.f.m	R. W. Sawyer	J. E. Sutherland
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b.f.m	W. J. Fawcett	F. R. Seager
398	aVictoria	Kirkfield	W. on or b.f.m	A. E. Staback	Jos. McClelland
399	aMoffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m	W. W. Kiddie	D. D. York
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu. on or b.f.m	Rich. Quance	C. A. Bradbury
401	aCraig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday	John Gleave	A. C. Stover
402	aCentral	Essex	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. A. Sherin	R. J. Shaw
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday	C. E. Green	Jas. C. Guillet
404	aLorne	Tamworth	F. on or a.f.m	Chas. R. Jones	Jas. Aylesworth
405	aMattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday	T. G. Horwood	C. W. Richardson
406	aThe Spry	Fenel'n Falls	W. on or b.f.m	John Garbutt	E. Fitzgerald
408	aMurray	Beaverton	Tu. on or b.f.m	Neil Rutherford	H. S. Cameron
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	2d Monday	J. H. Elliott	A. A. Mowry
410	aZeta	Toronto	4th Friday	A. B. Mitchell	E. A. Faulds
411	aRodney	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m	F. G. McDiarmid	T. W. Kirkpatrick
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. V. Campbell	H. P. Broughton
413	aNaphtali	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. R. Palmer	W. A. Hutton

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed	Raised.	Join'd	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. L. D.	S U M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd	Total M'mb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
336	3	3	3								63	Jun1903	\$ 33 25		
337	4	3	3	1	1	1					30	"	1 00		26 75
338	7	7	5							1	39	"	12 75		47 75
339	18	23	24		6	6	11			2	217	"			164 50
341	8	7	6		2					4	38	"			25 50
343	31	32	29	1	7	2					225	"	1 00		153 50
344	1		1								22	"			14 00
345											26	Jun1902			19 00
346	12	10	12	3	7	1	9			4	176	Jun1903			155 00
347	6	6	6	1	2		6				47	"	3 00		36 75
348	4	4	4	1	1		2				37	Dec. '02			60 00
352	11	9	8	2			1				84	Jun1903			65 50
354	5	4	4			1	2			2	57	"	1 00		53 00
356	2	2	2		2						35	"			26 50
357	12	11	17		2		1				71	"			69 75
358	1	1		1		1					36	"	19 00		23 50
359	1	1	2								38	"			31 50
360	4	5	4	2	1	2	1			1	59	"		1 00	68 75
361	14	9	7	3			3				119	"	2 00		91 00
362	3	2	1	2							49	"			34 75
364	1	1									33	"			20 75
367	14	11	8	1	2	3	1	1		2	188	"		25 00	190 50
368	5	3	5	3	1	1	10				93	"			66 00
369	12	8	8	1	2		4				79	"	19 50		52 25
370		3	3		4	1	3			1	60	Dec. '02			76 25
371	16	12	11		3		4			3	86	Jun1903			68 50
372	3	6	7			3	1				63	"			52 00
373	10	6	6	1							57	"			55 00
374	3	3	3								34	"			26 25
375	2	3	3				9				31	"	46 75		
376	7	10	9	1	1						96	"			36 50
377	8	6	6	2	3		1				59	"	1 00		40 50
378	9	8	6	1	1		1			2	77	"			52 50
379	4	3	2			1					27	Dec. '02			21 25
380	13	17	15	2	2		5			2	150	"			128 25
382	20	22	15	4	3	4	4			1	203	Jun1903	3 00		148 75
383	12	15	15		2					1	74	"			63 00
384	16	14	18		3		4			2	211	"		10 00	195 75
385	8	7	9		1	1					57	"	8 00		68 75
386	9	9	6							1	60	"			35 75
387	5	3	3	1						1	27	"			37 00
388	2	2	2		1		3			1	41	"			15 25
389	7	7	6		2		1				38	"			39 50
390	1	1	1		2						26	"			22 75
391	4	2	2	3	3						67	"			50 50
392	3	2	3								54	"			34 75
393	2	3	3	3	1					1	37	"	1 50		22 50
394	5	4	4		4					1	64	"	4 00		23 75
395	3	4	4		1						47	"			30 75
396	7	6	4	1	2	1				3	88	Dec. '02		2 00	92 25
397	5	5	5	1	2					1	56	"	3 00		39 50
398											37	"	2 00		52 50
399											22	Jun1903		2 00	13 00
400	5	7	9			2	2				109	Dec. '02	12 50		122 25
401	10	8	10	2							63	Jun1903			45 75
402	3	3	3	3	5	1					55	"			38 50
403	11	10	9	2	7						161	"	2 50		106 75
404	2	2	1		1		1				35	"		2 00	29 00
405	2	2	3	1		1					83	"			57 25
406	9	4	5	3		2	2				54	"			43 25
408	3	2	1	1	1		1				44	"			35 00
409	9	6	5								52	"		50	42 00
410	13	17	16	2	5	1					138	"	1 50		112 50
411											20	Jun1902	23 50		15 00
412	29	28	32	14	4	2	1			1	180	Jun1903		9 00	180 00
413											66	Jun1901	2 00		1 00

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
414	Pequonga.....	Rat Portage ..	1st Wednesday	John Brenculy ..	Rich. Thompson
415	aFort William	Fort William ..	2d Wednesday	J. T. Hol inshe d.	Geo. Hill
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b.f.m	Maurice Brown.	H. W. Gardner...
417	aKeewatin	Keewat n Mls ..	1st Friday.....	R. H. Gilchrist ..	A. J. Holmes
418	aMaxville.....	Maxville	2nd Tuesday....	Jas. Cormack....	D. A. Irvine
419	aBismarck	Pt. Edward	2nd Monday	J. B. Livingston..	B. F. George.....
420	aNipissing	North Bay.....	2nd Monday	Sylvanus Weegar ..	Jesse Bradford...
421	aScott	Grand Valley ..	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Bucha an ..	Wm. McIntyre...
422	aStar of the East ..	Bothwell.....	W. on or b.f.m	Edward Long	C. E. Bailey.....
423	aStrong.....	Sundridge	3d Monday.....	Wm. H. Stinson ..	A. A. Anderson...
424	aDoric	Pickering.....	Th. on or b.f.m	R. E. Johnston...	Geo. Kerr
425	aSt. Clair	Sombra	Tu. on or b.f.m	D. D. Thuston...	O. A. Smith
426	aStanley	W. Tor Junc ..	1st Tuesday....	A. H. Royce	J. R. Royce
427	aNickel	Sudbury	1st Wednesday ..	Chris. R. Reid	W. J. Montgomery
428	Fidelity	Port Perry.....	F. on or b.f.m	H. B. Clemes.....	Wm. Spence
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin	Th. on or b.f.m	A. H. Ridout	J. T. Little
430	aAcacia	East Toronto ..	3rd Monday	H. A. Giles	T. G. Paterson
431	aMoravian	Eden Grove.....	F. on or a. f.m	G. o. Sirs	W. J. Loughlan ..
432	aHanover	Hanover	F. on or b.f.m	John Mills	John Sutherland ..
433	aBonnechere	Eganville.....	2nd Monday.....	as D. Leitch.....	C. W. J. Howarth ..
434	aAlgonquin	Emisdale	Tu. on ora.f.m	J. Q. Adams.....	J. A. McDonald...
435	aHavelock	Havelock	F. on or b.f.m	E. N. Williams...	A. Kinewasser
436	aBurns.....	Hepworth	Tu. on or a.f.m	J. Sutherby	David Allan
437	aIuscan	Sarnia	31 Wednesday ..	Geo. P. Wenino...	W. F. Wrighton ..
438	aHarmony	Toronto	4th Monday	L. A. Camero t ..	W. T. Martin.....
439	aAlexandria	Alexandria.....	1st Wednesday ..	John Simpson.....	Geo. Hearnden...
440	aArcadia	Minden	F. on or b.f.m	Sylv. Phillips	W. S. Munn
441	aWestport	Westport	1st Friday.....	A. W. Gray	J. E. Whaley
442	aDymont	The salon	Th. on or b.f.m	J. H. Glanville...	W. M. Argue.....
443	aPowassan	Powassan	2nd Friday.....	J. A. Porter.....	T. S. Trenouth...
444	aNitetis	Creemore	Tu. on ora.f.m	Jos. Hood	G. E. J. Brown...
445	aL'ke of the Woods	Rat Portage ..	2nd Wednesday ..	N. Schnarr	G. C. Frisbie
446	aGr'nite	Fort Frances ..	Tu. on or b.f.m	D. J. Gilon	C. C. Fra'eck.....
447	aSturgeon Falls	Sturgeon F's ..	2nd Monday	E. D. Je-sep.....	F. H. Edwards...
448	aXenopho	Wheatley.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. M. Wilson	E. Hanson
449	aDundalk	Dundalk	W. on or b.f.m	J. F. Vandusan ..	E. Montcastle
450	aHawkesbury	Hawkesbury ..	Th. on or b.f.m	T. T. McWaters ..	J. A. Ferguson
451	aSomerville	Kinmount	Th. on or b.f.m	John Austin	Fred. Train
452	aAvonmore	Avonmore	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. C. Whittaker ..	Oscar Fulton.....
453	aRoyal	Ft. William.....	1st Wednesday ..	James McLaren ..	F. C. Perry.....
454	aCorona	Buck's Falls..	1st Monday	R. J. Watson	F. J. Robson
455	aDoric	Litt'e Cur'nt ..	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. K. Powell...	Loftus H. Allen...
456	aElma	Monkton.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Alex. Chalmers ..	C. H. Merryfie d.
457	aCentury.....	Merlin	1st Monday	W. F. Robertson ..	W. P. Teskey
458	aWales	Wales	M. on or b.f.m	Arch. S. Wylie...	F. Warren
459	aCobden	Cobden	2d Tuesday....	Rev. M. H. Wilson ..	C. B. Graham.....
U. D	aRideau	Seeley Falls ..	Th. on or b.f.m	Robt. C. George ..	.....
U. D	aIonic	Rainy River ..	1st Thurs. e.m	Don. Robertson ..	J. T. Stephenson ..
U. D	aTemicaming	New L'steard ..	Th. on or b.f.m	Alex. M. Ross.....

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No. of Lodge	Initial'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined	With-drawn	I eat's	S. N. P. D	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd	Total M'ns	Last Ret'n	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
414	16	10	6	1	7	2	8	.....	.....	1	103	Jun1903	.....	.....	\$ 95 25
415	19	19	15	1	6	2	4	.....	.....	6	64	"	.....	17 50	69 75
416	2	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	34	"	.....	.....	32 25
417	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	"	.....	.....	33 75
418	9	11	7	1	2	1	10	.....	.....	.....	59	"	.....	.....	64 50
419	5	4	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	"	.....	.....	51 50
420	10	13	12	3	5	1	1	.....	.....	1	98	"	.....	4 00	77 50
421	5	5	7	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	"	1 50	.....	39 75
422	4	5	5	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	47	"	.....	.....	25 00
423	2	1	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	Dec. '02	.....	.....	41 00
424	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	Jun1903	.....	.....	11 50
425	9	10	8	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	60	"	.....	.....	40 75
426	23	17	14	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	197	"	.....	.....	128 00
427	11	12	12	3	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	110	"	.....	.....	80 50
428	18	12	14	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	"	6 00	.....	45 00
429	10	10	10	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	"	.....	.....	44 50
430	13	14	11	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	106	"	24 00	.....	57 00
431	6	6	5	.....	2	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	42	"	.....	.....	39 50
432	6	6	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40	Dec. '02	.....	.....	51 50
433	4	3	2	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	45	Jun1903	.....	.....	42 00
434	6	5	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	Dec. '02	.....	.....	60 25
435	4	4	6	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	Jun1903	.....	.....	67 50
436	6	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	Dec. '02	.....	.....	36 50
437	16	12	8	1	1	1	6	.....	.....	1	97	Jun1903	3 75	.....	89 25
438	36	41	43	6	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	210	"	2 00	.....	176 50
439	5	5	4	1	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	"	1 00	.....	3 00
440	4	5	3	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	"	.....	3 00	32 75
441	3	3	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	Dec. '02	.....	.....	21 50
442	18	17	15	1	2	2	4	.....	.....	.....	64	Jun1903	10 00	.....	57 50
443	5	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	"	1 00	.....	12 50
444	6	7	3	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	"	.....	.....	22 50
445	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	"	2 00	.....	28 00
446	5	5	3	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	"	.....	.....	35 00
447	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	Jun1902	.....	15 00	48 25
448	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	Dec. '02	7 50	.....	1

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, No. 1. (23.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. G. E. White, Windsor.

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 336, Highgate.....	Highgate
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 386, McCoil.....	West Lorne
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 390, Florence.....	Florence
" 47, Great Western.....	Windsor	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 335, Parvaim.....	Comber
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 402, Central.....	Windsor
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	" 403, Windsor.....	Windsor
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 411, Rodney.....	Rodney
" 282, Lorne.....	Glencoe	" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell
" 312, Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	" 457, Century.....	Merlin
" 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville		

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 2. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. A. Wilmott, Strathroy.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtright
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona.....	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia.....	Thedford	" 328, Ionic.....	Napier
" 153, Burns.....	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin.....	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron.....	Camlachie
" 194, Petrolea.....	Petrolea	" 397, Leopold.....	Brigden
" 238, Havelock.....	Watford	" 419, Bismarck.....	Point Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolea	" 425, St. Clair.....	Sombra
" 263, Forest.....	Forest	" 437, Tuscan.....	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 3. (26.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Richard Guest, Thorndale.

No. 29, St. John's.....	London	No. 239, Doric.....	Lobo
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian.....	London East
" 94, St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren.....	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
" 140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's.....	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont.....	Belmont	" 380, Union.....	London
" 195, Tuscan.....	London	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 209a, St. John's.....	London	" 394, King Solomon.....	Thamesford
" 232, Cameron.....	Dutton	" 399, Mofiat.....	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 4. (16.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. William Elliot, Mitchell.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 205, New Domini'n.....	New Hamb'n
" 73, St. James'.....	St. Mary's	" 224, Zurich.....	Hensall
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 233, Doric.....	Park Hill
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 303, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	" 309, Morning Star.....	Smith's Hill
" 144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	" 318, Wilnot.....	Baden
" 154, Irving.....	Lucan	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 170, Britannia.....	Seaforth	" 456, Elma.....	Monkton

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutchison, Fordwich.

No. 93, Northern Light.....	Kincardine	No. 331, Fordwich.....	Fordwich
" 131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	" 362, Maple Leaf.....	Tara
" 184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	" 393, Forest.....	Chesley
" 197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	" 396, Cedar.....	Wiaraton
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 429, Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
	Paisley	" 431, Moravian.....	Eden Grove
	Teeswater	" 432, Hanover.....	Hanover
	Brus-els	" 436, Burnus.....	Hepworth
Wingham.....	Wingham		

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. S. Clutton, Vienna.

No. 10, Norfolk.....Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....Woodstock	" 178, Flatbush.....Plattsville
" 68, St. John's.....Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....Tilsenburg	" 217, Frederick.....Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....Paris	" 237, Vienna.....Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....Norwich	" 250, Thistle.....Embro
" 106, Burford.....Burford	" 261, Oak Branch.....Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim.....Princeton	" 359, Vittoria.....Vittoria
" 113, Wilson.....Waterford	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. J. Craig, Fergus.

No. 72, Alma.....Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....Ayr	" 297, Preston.....Preston
" 180, Speed.....Guelph	" 306, Durham.....Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....Elora	" 315, Clifford.....Clifford
" 216, Harris.....Orangeville	" 334, Prince Arthur.....Arthur
" 237, Galt.....Galt	" 347, Mercer.....Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....Guelph	" 361, Waverley.....Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....Harriston	" 421, Scott.....Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....Erin	

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. A. Hutchison, Hamilton.

No. 6, The Barton.....Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance.....Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....St. George
" 45, Brant.....Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....Millgrove
" 121, Doric.....Brantford	" 382, Doric.....Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair.....Milton	" 400, Oakville.....Oakville
" 163, Burlington.....Burlington	

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. D. Hamill, Meaford.

No. 79, Simcoe.....Bradford	No. 266, Northern Light.....Stayner
" 83, St. George's.....Owen Sound	" 285, Seven Star.....Alliston
" 90, Manito.....Collingwood	" 304, Minerva.....Stroud
" 96, Corinthian.....Barrie	" 322, North Star.....Owen Sound
" 137, Pythagoras.....Meaford	" 333, Prince Arthur.....Flesherton
" 192, Orillia.....Orillia	" 348, Georgian.....Penetanguishene
" 230, Kerr.....Barrie	" 377, Lorne.....Shelburne
" 234, Beaver.....Clarksburg	" 385, Spy.....Beeton
" 236, Manito.....Cookstown	" 444, Nitetis.....Creemore
" 249, Caledonian.....Midland	" 449, Dundalk.....Dundalk

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Richard Matthews, Port Colborne.

No. 2, Niagara.....Niagara	No. 221, Mountain.....Thorold
" 7, Union.....Grimsby	" 254, Clifton.....Niagara
" 15, St. George's.....St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity.....Dunnville	" 296, Temple.....St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....Cayuga	" 319, Hiram.....Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's.....Drummondville	" 337, Myrtle.....Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....Beamsville	" 333, Dufferin.....Wellandport
" 168, Merritt.....Welland	" 372, Palmer.....Bridgeburg
" 169, Macnab.....Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone.....Welland
" 185, Enniskillen.....York	

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 11. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. Edward Francis, Thornhill.

No. 22, King Solomon's.....Toronto	No. 292, Robertson.....Nobleton
" 54, Vaughan.....Maple	" 305, Humber.....Weston
" 65, Rehoboth.....Toronto	" 311, Blackwood.....Woodbridge
" 86, Wilson.....Toronto	" 326, Zetland.....Toronto
" 98, True Blue.....Bolton	" 346, Occident.....Toronto
" 118, Union.....Schomberg	" 356, River Park.....Streetsville
" 156, York.....North Toronto	" 369, Mimico.....Lambton Mills
" 229, Ionic.....Brampton	" 384, Alpha.....Toronto
" 247, Ashlar.....Toronto	" 426, Stanley.....Toronto Junction
" 265, Patterson.....Thornhill	" 438, Harmony.....Toronto

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 11a. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, Richmond Hill.

No. 16, St. Andrew's.....Toronto	No. 220, Zeredatha.....Uxbridge
" 23, Richmond.....Richmond Hill	" 269, Brougham Union.....Brougham
" 25, Ionic.....Toronto	" 316, Doric.....Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....Toronto	" 339, Orient.....Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....Markham	" 343, Georgina.....Toronto
" 97, Sharon.....Sharon	" 354, Brock.....Cannington
" 99, Tuscan.....Newmarket	" 367, St. George.....Toronto
" 129, The Rising Sun.....Aurora	" 410, Zeta.....Toronto
" 156, Richardson.....Stouffville	" 424, Doric.....Pickering
" 218, Stevenson.....Toronto	" 430, Acacia.....East Toronto

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 12. (25.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. C. Moffatt, Norwood.

No. 26, Ontario.....Port Hope	No. 270, Cedar.....Oshawa
" 30, Composite.....Whitby	" 313, Clementi.....Lakefield
" 31, Jerusalem.....Bowmanville	" 325, Orono.....Orono
" 39, Mount Zion.....Brooklin	" 374, Keene.....Keene
" 66, Durham.....Newcastle	" 375, Lorne.....Omemee
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....Lindsay	" 398, Victoria.....Kirkfield
" 101, Corinthian.....Peterborough	" 406, The Spry.....Fenelon Falls
" 114, Hope.....Port Hope	" 408, Murray.....Beaverton
" 139, Lebanon.....Oshawa	" 428, Fidelity.....Port Perry
" 145, J. B. Hall.....Millbrook	" 435, Havelock.....Havelock
" 155, Peterborough.....Peterborough	" 440, Arcadia.....Minden
" 223, Norwood.....Norwood	" 451, Somerville.....Kinmount
" 268, Verulam.....Bobeageyon	

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. W. Wright, Picton.

No. 11, Moira.....Belleville	No. 133, Golden Rule.....Campbellford
" 17, St. John's.....Cobourg	" 127, Franck.....Frankford
" 18, Prince Edward.....Picton	" 161, Percy.....Warkworth
" 29, United.....Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....Wellington
" 38, Trent.....Trenton	" 215, Lake.....Ameliaburg
" 48, Madoc.....Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....Marmora
" 50, Consecon.....Consecon	" 239, Tweed.....Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....Stirling	" 283, Eureka.....Belleville
" 91, Colborne.....Colborne	" 401, Craig.....Deseronto
" 123, The Belleville.....Belleville	

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Fred. J. Skinner, Gananoque.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.....Kingston	No. 212, Elysian.....Garden Island
" 9, Union.....Napanee	" 223, Prince Arthur.....Odessa
" 92, Cataraqui.....Kingston	" 253, Minden.....Kingston
" 109, Albion.....Harrowsmith	" 299, Victoria.....Centreville
" 119, Maple Leaf.....Bath	" 404, Lorne.....Tarnworth
" 146, Prince of Wales.....Newburgh	" 441, Westport.....Westport
" 157, Simpson.....Newboro'	U. D. Rideau.....Seeley's Bay
" 201, Leeds.....Gananoque	

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ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 15. (25.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. G. Harkness, Cornwall.

No. 5, Sussex.....	Brockville	No. 256, Farran's Point.....	Aultsville
" 14, True Britons.....	Perth	" 320, Chesterville.....	Chesterville
" 24, St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	" 368, Salem.....	Brockville
" 28, Mount Zion.....	Kemptville	" 370, Harmony.....	Delta
" 55, Merrickville.....	Merrickville	" 383, Henderson West	Winchester
" 74, St. James.....	Bethel	" 357, Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
" 85, Rising Sun.....	Farmersville	" 359, Crystal Fountain	N Augusta
" 110, Central.....	Prescott	" 416, Lyn.....	Lyn
" 125, Cornwall.....	Cornwall	" 418, Maxville.....	Maxville
" 142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	" 439, Alexandria.....	Alexandria
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	" 452, Avonmore.....	Avonmore
" 207, Lancaster.....	Lancaster	" 458, Wales.....	Wales
" 242, Macoy.....	Mallorytown		

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. N. W. Cleary, Renfrew.

No. 21a, St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 186, Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet
" 52, Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	" 196, Madawaska.....	Arnprior
" 58, Doric.....	Ottawa	" 209, Evergreen.....	Lanark
" 63, St. John's.....	Carleton Place	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa
" 122, Renfrew.....	Renfrew	" 264, Chaudiere.....	Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....	Pembroke	" 371, Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa
" 147, Mississippi.....	Almonte	" 405, Mattawa.....	Mattawa
" 148, Civil Service.....	Ottawa	" 433, Bonnechere.....	Eganville
" 159, Goodwood.....	Richmond	" 450, Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
" 177, The Builders.....	Ottawa	" 459, Cobden.....	Cobden

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (8.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. W. Morgan, Port Arthur.

No. 287, Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 445, L'ke of the Wo'ds,	Rat Portage
" 414, Pequonga.....	Rat Portage	" 446, Granite.....	Fort Frances
" 415, Fort William.....	Fort William	" 453, Royal.....	Fort William
" 417, Keewatin.....	Keewatin	U. D. Ionic.....	Rainy River

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (7.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. H. Arthur, Sudbury.

No. 412, Keystone ...	Sault Ste. Marie	No. 447, Sturgeon F'lls,	Sturgeon F'lls
" 420, Nipissing.....	North Bay	" 455, Doric.....	Little Current
" 427, Nickel.....	Sudbury	U. D. Tenuiscaming,	New Liskeard
" 442, Dymont.....	The salon		

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19 (8.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Alfred J. Whitby, Parry Sound.

No. 352, Granite.....	Parry Sound	No. 423, Strong.....	Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka.....	Bracebridge	" 434, Algonquin.....	Emsdale
" 376, Unity.....	Huntsville	" 443, Powassan.....	Powassan
" 409, Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst	" 454, Corona.....	Burke's Falls

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No. 1.....	23 Lodges.
St. Clair	" 2.....	20 "
London	" 3.....	26 "
North Huron	" 4.....	16 "
North Huron	" 5.....	19 "
Wilson	" 6.....	21 "
Wellington	" 7.....	21 "
Hamilton	" 8.....	21 "
Georgian	" 9.....	20 "
Niagara	" 10.....	21 "
Toronto West	" 11.....	20 "
Toronto East	" 11a.....	20 "
Ontario	" 12.....	25 "
Prince Edward	" 13.....	19 "
Frontenac	" 14.....	15 "
St. Lawrence	" 15.....	25 "
Ottawa	" 16.....	20 "
Algoma	" 17.....	8 "
Nipissing	" 18.....	7 "
Muskoka	" 19.....	8 "

Total.....375

SUSPENSIONS, UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

No. 264—J A Clark, W H Morgan. 324—R T Lancefield. 367—W J. Damp.

SUSPENDED, NON-PAYMENT DUES.

No. 2—J G Rousseau, A Ferry, R Taylor, J H Burns. 3—Jas Ross, J Wadde'll. 5—A Fraser, H H Corsitt, A H Swarts, S W H Simpson, A M Nish. 6—G L Murdock, W C Livingstone, W Bennett, W F Haskins, A Bigley, G F Fitzsimons, F Osborne, W R Davis, J Peden, J H Taylor, W Silver, F J Watson. 16—H Wallwin, J Yorke. 17—W F Huzen, C H Bowen, Wm Muirhead. 18—W Jamieson, M Allison, A J Brooks, A H Baker, Finley Wilson, F Cahoon. 22—Alf Wolfe. 23—J C Jenkins. 24—S M Barnes. A S Wishmore. 26—C C Field, H C Brundrett, F H Coombs, W L Connolly, J A Woodhouse, C D O'Brien, S Willson, E J Willson. 29—J Burr. 40—P McKaig, W Parry, A Slater, C Tompsett, E Truscott, H Clark. 42—F T Humphrey, G B Hendry, H O Brunter, John Wrigley. 43—J Luckwell. F B Schofield, R C West, H F G Pett, A McLay. 44—L W Morrison, J Flinn, J M Doty, Wm Armstrong, G Balkwell, F D Oatman. 47—G R Prouse, J Coombs, J Nobbs, S Penfold, C Hardcastle, G Smith, T Mose, R Thorne, G Burdette. 50—J B Yott, D H Weeks, J P Stapleton, 52—B F Bolton. 57—E J Duffey, H Reed, R Menzies, J Ashbaugh, P Burns, T Powell, E Barlow, H H Culver. 61—W J Blackburn, W R Fish, C W J Pearson, Wm Peel, C Cripps, W Rayfield, L D Patton. 62—W Saywright, J B Munro, W J Brown. 64—W Atkins, R M Graham, W J Kitchen, G W Hampidge, E Gardiner. 65—J Brewer, W T Bundy. 69—S Davidson, A Chard, Sr., D R Corrigan, J Hamilton, G Jackman, W Venderwoort, L VanAllen, J S Carstairs, C Heath, G Reynolds. 72—Wm Kynoch, G Hunt, A Laidlaw. 73—J McCabe, F W Long, J B Muir, R Johnston. 73—W Simpson, D Fink, J G Murray, A McNish, W H Simpson. 75—A Delaporte, C Armstrong, J Fraser, R F Hill, W Sterling, A N Tate. 88—T Markle, J S Robertson, D Telford. 91—T Honeywell, J J Campbell, W Kemp. 92—Wm Quinn. 93—Jas Fraser, R Hunter, Jno McCrimmon, A G MacIntyre, H Hurdon, W J Evans, H A Macintosh. 94—F E Shepard, H Long, M Williamson. 98—R Claridge, J K McEwen, J York, W J Sutton, Thos Castor, J K Bonnar, J Judge, H A Coulter, J J Fleetham, R D Preston. 101—R J Lee, J G Macklin. 103—J Sutherland, A H Ellis. 106—F A Metcalf, T H Ross, James McWilliams, S Wilson, W H Stinson, P J Griffin, B Bond, E J Wnale. 113—G A Moritz. 119 H Shearing. 121—J L Richmond. 123—W Nelson, W H Handley, C A Schuster. 125—M O Sheets, J Prudence, J Galbraith, M L Kelly. 127—T R Garrett, C M Rowe, T F Lee. 133—M Carmichael. 136—W Malloy, P G Button. 139—W A Kerr, W Henderson. 140—G A Harris. 156—R J Bulmer, J Dimma, D F Jessop, G H Lawrence, J Pears, E G Adams, T Simmons, G F Ackland, J B Ackland, T K Scovil, T C Singleton, G Bonsfield. 158—A W Sernis. 162—D M McDonald, H P Harrison. 170 G Fitzpatrick, J T Hall. 172—J G Ranks, W D Stewart. 174—R B Cowan, A Aker, F Mason, T A P Frost. 177—W L Franklin, J Pushman. 180—J F H Howitt. 184—J B Wallwin. 192—Isaac Githorn. 194—W W Crooks, R Palmer, W L Ward, J R Boyle. 197—M Stalker, W D Ostic, J W Chittick, H H Sinclair. 200—W B Hampton. 201—J A Reid. 209a—G T Mann. 218—A Weiser. T C Stewart, G Humphrey. 220—W L Barton, W Pryne. 221—W Fields, W Mc Cleary, M D Leason, A E Kaiser, L V Griffith. 229—W T Lunday. 230—J Hood, W A Cundle, J F Taylor, W Sherwood. 231—C Fever, C Reynhold, A T Pearson, J L Richardson, R Copeland, W H Cady, R W Grant. 235—Jas McDermitt, J Darroch. 237—R H Trueman. 238—A J Cameron. 239—H Siblay, T Graham, H W Palmer. 247—J M McKenzie, H O W Higgins, H L Hawkey. 253—R R Creighton. 258—H Higginbotham, E Humphries, T P Ellis, J Hallet, W McIntosh, J B Williams, D E Rudd, N Baker, H G Holm, Thos Irving, F W Armstrong. 260—J Drader, W J Zimmerman, J W Purdom, A Colborne. 264—John Fraser, R W Fair. 265—James Hord. 266—A J F Sullivan. 274—G R Shirley, A Nelson, H Brackett, W A Baer, C Johnstone. 276—H B O'Connor. 277—J R H Colvin. 283—G I Thomas, T C Luscombe, G McCoy, C W Smith. 284—R Burrett. 286—A F Bastedo, W H Barrand, A G McGregor. 290—W F McKenzie, C Harrison, J D Wilkinson, G D Ellis. 300—T Barnes. 305—J K McEwen. 316—J M Bowman, W Green. 320—J Young, R Beattie, E N Bradley, J Ball, A Thompson, D P Cameron, A Helmer, J P Bogart, J E Brownell, G Black, J A Loucks, E H Marselles, F McNaughton, G S Jones, A Inman. 321—W J Pollard, E B Collins. 324—C J Dixon, N Dixon, C F Raymond, T D Murphy, J W Bates. 326—J J Higgins, T C Harding, S M Kennedy, A W Law, J A Mills, A G McKenney, W N Shore, J A Wallace. 331—A Wyness, F Donaghy. 333—A M Gibson, R N Henderson. 339—F Armstrong, J Bailie, R W Batchellor, J Doray, J Fogg, E C Lauman, H W Simpson, W A Verner, Wm McMullen, H A Dancy, R G Greene. 346—C Clarke, T J Bennett, A Beever, T Crashley, W R Hunter, T Hughes, C Kathoff, J Paterson, J Shaw. 347—A Shaw, W H McCulloch, J Moffat, C Mason, S F Riddell. 348—J F McMillan, J M Craigie. 352—R J Lee. 354—B Davis, G C Beall. 357—Hy Clark. 360—F Haunnett. 361—

E Quinsgley, C F Raymond, W W White. 367—Geo E Abbott. 368—T Crate, G J Miller, B D Steacy, J Taggart, J H C Todd, Thos Thompkins, J W Baker, W A Clement, F W Lord, J R Wright. 369—Thos W Smith, C A McClelland, J Harper, W Clayton. 370—C P Lambert, J H S Mackey, J B Hamlin. 371—T McVerty, A E Brethour, A H Kindall, W Gray. 372—J R Hopkins. 375—M R Micks, W H English, W Walker, W M Elliott, R Morgan, J Ferguson, H Cornell, W C Tully, R J Patterson. 377—John Alhoun. 378—J B Leigh. 380—J M Pirie, C E Elliott, H Morris, J D Wilson, T Cole. 382—W S Gilmore, E W Monk, Isaac Levy, Simeon Colin. 384—W A Coon, A H Keith, F W Smith, E Hemsted, 388—G Lipsett, Jas Shipley, J Cochran. 389—J McRoberts. 400—H F Bray, J McA. Dunsmore. 404—W E Wilson. 406—A E Guidal, R Pearson. 408—J Galloway. 412—T W Mackie. 414—J A Martin, J M Hall, L L McPhail, H R Woodley, D McMurphy, W D Coate, T Hanson, P A Cruise. 415—L L Pettier, A H Brown, C P Rapelje, C J W Armstrong. 418—W Hill, C H Wood, A A Urquhart, W A Munro, S Henry, P F McGregor, A J Smith, D A Munro, G Hearnden, F J Campbell. 420—J Morris. 422—S J Thomas. 425—W H Davis. 426—T Patterson. 431—T Bowen, T Edgar, F Taylor, R Metcalfe, C Kennedy, D H T Christie. 433—J D M Fraser. 437—J Dowswell, F J Johnston, W White, C E Tanner, J R Adams, J E Collins. 438—J Clayton. 442—G McKenzie, E Cummings, E S Rogers, W C Foster.

DEATHS, 1902-1903.

No. 2—J Bishop, 27th October, '02; J. M. Clement, 24th April, '03. 3—J Wooton, 30th July, '02; J Duff, 10th October, '02; E J Smythe, 14 March, '03; W H Wilkison, 15th April, '03. 5—R M Bell, 8th December, '02. 6—R E Kennedy, 1st September, '02; J King, 7th November, '02; G Scott, 2nd May, '03; J T Ross, 6th June, '03; J J Mason, 15th June, '03. 9—A Exley, 23th March, '03. 10—J Williamson, 8th December, '02. 11—L Beumore, 18th August, '02; Wm Doctor, 5th January, '03. 15—Wm Stevens, 7th July, '02; J Challen, 13th March, '03. 16—Geo Hodgetts, 14 February, '03; Thos McMullen, 28th March, '03. 17—Geo Waters, 2nd August, '02. 20—J Hook, 4th January, '03. 22—C M Butchart, 2nd August, '02; J B C Clarke. 23—J W Elliott, 26th March, '03. 24—R Davies, 3rd December, '02; H H Lemon, 2nd December, '02; P Hart, 25th September, '02; R Storey, 6th May, '03. 25—John Dickson, 8th April, '03; G H Wilson, 24 April, '03. 27—W C Forster, 11th November, '02; H Kite, 8th November, '02; M H TenEyck, 29th October, '02; J J Mason, 15th June, '03. 29—R Barker, 6th July, '02; W M Platt, 25th September, '02. 30—J B Powell, 21st October, '02. 31—W T Scott, 16th April, '03. 33—S Sloan, 18th August, '02; A J Moore, 13th September, '02; Ira Lewis, 13th January, '03. 34—A Elliott, 12th September, '01; Jos Wilson, August, '02. 35—J Mitchell, 14th November, '02; G E Meek, 11th November, '02; J W Fradenburgh, 18th February, '03; J Wilkinson, 25th April, '03. 38—H H Day, 7th February, '03; O H Bouter, 6th December, '02; R A Sansom, 7th February, '03. 40—H Willson, 21st August, '02; John Doty, 29th September, '02; J M Little, 8th September, '02; Wm Milne, 13th October, '02; J Moodie, 19th October, '02; G Routledge, 21st November, '02; Wm Pierce, 12th March, '03; J C Taylor, 28th March, '03; A Mowat, 19th June, '03. 42—W Thornton, 8th March, '02; Thos A Hall, 5th December, '02. 43—Geo White, 1st April, '03; R Brown, 4th April, '03; P H McLeod, 12th May, '03. 44—W Johnson, 12th July, '02; D McLarty, 7th November, '02; H A McIntyre, 10th January, '03. 45—R H Harris, 23rd August, '02. 46—J Moore, 3rd February, '02; Wm Young, 14th February, '02. 47—P A Craig, 21st July, '02; L Greisenger, 6th October, '02; W Jarman, 6th August, '02. 48—A Moore, 5th January, '03; Thos Ham, 14th November, '02. 52—H J Cole, 17th February, '03. 55—A McDonald, 27th August, '02. 56—J Hepburn, 14th May, '03. 61—A W Stratton, 23 August, '03. 62—W Watson, 23rd December, '02. 63—J G Bate, 20th October, '02; D McNabb, 18th February, '03. 64—C H Hanson, 17th August, '02; A Roddam, 3rd June, '02. 65—J D King, 23 August, '03; F W Unitt, 15th September, '02; D. Marshall, 1st December, '02. 68—W P R Milligan, April, '02. 72—Geo V Moore, 31st March, '03. 73—Geo Dalrymple, 16th March, '03. 75—R J Quingley, 9th October, '02; T R Bain, 8th October, '02; N L Steiner, 5th January, '03. 76—C G Clarke, 11th February, '03; R G Balmer, 30th May, '03. 77—D McGibbon, April, '03. 78—Thos Arnold, 13th May, '03. 79—A E Boddy, 1st December, '02. 81—J B Burwell, 26th December, '02. 84—J W Chidley, 26th August, '02. 85—S S Cornell, 2nd December, '02; J B Saunders. 86—C R Randall, 27th March, '03; J A Sloan, 14th June, '03. 88—J F Foote, 19th March, '03. 90—A C Cameron, 10th October, '02; Geo Glover, 17th March, '03. 91—M J Lacett, 13th December, '02; A W Dudley, 11th February, '03; Wm Alger, 10th April, '03. 92—S F Drinkwater, 16th June, '02. 93—D Henderson, 6th July, '02. 94—O C Preffer, 11th April, '02. 96—J Stephens, 25th October, '02; H Bennett, 29th December, '02; A Arnall, 25th March, '03. 98—W Wright, 26th November, '02. 99—D M Campbell, 29th April, '03. 103—J E Baeton, 25th January, '03. 105—S Patten, 20th January, '0. 106—T L Jones, 7th August, '02. 110—C Plumb, Sr. 21st July, '02. 114—G Reading, 2 6th December, '02; W G Coulter, 20th February, '03. 121—A E Fantan

12th July, '02; C F Jackson, 15th March, '03. 125—H Stiles, 21st January, '03. 128—W T Irwin, 12 November, '02. 129—W C Clift, 16th November, '02. 133—R C C Tremaine, 25th June, '02. 136—J Bowman, 30th July, '02; T Kelley, 26th December, '02. 137—D J Caswell, 15th December, '02. 139—W H Hunter, 25th March, '03; W McCabe, 23rd April, '03. 140—A Backhouse, 31st July, '03. 141—W Machan, 22nd November, '02. 142—A Deuce, 22nd January, '03. 143—C W Bouck, 10th April, '02; A Bare, 30th June, '02; W J Fletcher, 22nd August, '02. 146—E C Ash. 149—B Varey, 2nd March, '01; G Gutcher, 16th June, '02. 151—W A Green, 9th December, '02; J Klippert, 31st December, '02; J Kalbfleisch, 17th April, '02. 153—W J Cram, 16th October, '02. 154—J W Ferguson, 5th March, '02. 155—W A Sanderson, 25th May, '03. 158—J Thompson, 16th March, '03. 164—D Clinton, 20th November, '02. 166—J Millen, 30th March, '02. 169—J Barnhardt, 14th April, '03. 170—Chas Wilson, 16th June, '03. 174—W Morgan, 19th January, '03; G Stewart, 21st January, '03. 178—W Little, 18th September, '02. 180—W H Smith, 17th November, '02; Geo R Bruce, 15th February, '03. 181—Alex McBride, 22nd February, '03. 184—J Somerville, 11th September, '02. 185—J Lawrence, 6th November, '02. 192—J R Jupp, 10th March, '03. 196—W S Watson, 26th December, '02; H W Jay. 197—R Hill, 4th June, '03. 261—C E Beerman, 10th September, '02. 203—Geo Bruce, 27th January, '03. 207—H D McMillan, 15th June, '99; Wm Nicholson, 24th July, '01; M McMillan, 17th May, '03. 209a—J Line, 23rd May, '02; R G Balmer, 30th May, '03; T P Blackwell, 14th June, '03. 216—C H Ward, 2nd January, '02. 218—J Rooke, 12th October, '02; J Patton, 7th January, '03; A White, 1st May, '03. 223—J B Powell, 1st June, '03. 224—J A Ingram, 4th January, '03; H L Pence, 5th March, '03. 225—D W Graham, 21st May, '03. 229—R Arnold, 4th July, '01; J Edwards, 5th February, '03; F D Hewson, 29th March, '03. 235—D McNeil, 29th November, '00. 236—Hugh Fraser, 20th February, '03. 238—R J Stevens, 23th January, '03; J Cook, 21st July, '03. 239—J Carlton, 6th October, '02; Geo Gullett, 02. 243—G S Wait, 23rd October, '02; R Burt, 31st March, '03. 247—F B Gullett, 6th June, '02; A Y Scott, 3rd January, '03; D M Campbell, 30th April, '03. 249—J Stewart, 10th October, '02; J Hewson, 31st October, '02. 250—Wm Ross. 254—Alex Logan, 10th January, '03. 255—J Windover, 7th December, '02. 257—A Cranston, 27th June, '02; J McEwen, 29th September, '02. 258—J Sutton, 3rd July, '02. 265—J Hord. 266—A J Sullivan. 268—G Hunter, 24th December, '02. 271—A McLaren, 20th September, '02. 276—R Hazzard, 5th May, '03. 277—G Matthews, 18th September, '02; R Patterson, 21st November, '02; J A Graham, 21st November, '02; G R Wood, 21st November, '02. 279—A B Jardine, 21st February, '03; A J Brewster, 4th March, '03. 282—G M Marrison, 19th October, '02; A Calanahan, 3rd June, '03. 284—T Fletcher, 5th February, '03. 285—E Simms, 19th October, '02; 286—J Foster, 6th January, '03. 287—J Gamble, 14th September, '02; W J Hasking, 7th March, '03. 294—Dan Atherton, 22nd January, '03. 296—W Thomas, 1st August, '02; W W Greenwood, 19th December, '02; J Reilly, 18th March, '03. 297—A Webster, 1st October, '02. 300—R B Bradshaw, 2nd October, '02. 302—E Ponsford, 30th November, '02; B Hunter, 30th November, '02; F Cantelo, 28th April, '03. 303—A McQuarrie. 305—J Conron, 14th April, '02. 306—T Brown, 16th February, '03; Philip Eva, 19th February, '03. 309—R Rowden, 5th May, '02; W Symington, 19th July, '02. 313—J Clarin, 19th August, '02; M Nelson, 21st September, '02; B Hunter, 30th November, '02. 315—T A Walden, 31st March, '03. 316—G Farquhar, 11th September, '02. 322—John Creasor, 10th March, '03. 323—A Douglas, 25th November, '02. 324—D M Rennie, 16th July, '02; R Æ Kennedy, 31st August, '02; J Sage 9th October, '02; S H Ghent, 9th November, '02; J J Mason, 15th June, '03. 326—E W Hinde, 17th June, '03. 327—J T Mc Killop, 6th April, '02. 330—P Morrison, 29th October, '02; G W Cottrell, 27th December, '02. 332—H J Powell, 14th October, '02; J D Riddell, 25th November, '02. 333—A Neilson, 11th December, '02. 337—C Shuman. 339—M A Harper, 29th October, '02; J Westman, 18th November, '02; Thos Wrenshall; J Patton, 7th January, '03; R A Hunter, 18th May, '03; T B Taylor, 30th April, '03. 343—A E Curren, 26th September, '02; W E Sherman, 26th May, '03. 346—R McLennan, 27th November, '02. 354—J M Hart, 10th November, '02. 358—J D Reilly, 7th April, '03. 360—A McLeod, 18th November, '02; S Bridgland, 6th May, '03. 367—Wm Hull, 27th December, '02; S E Guest, 2nd May, '03. 368—T A Stayner, 6th September, '02. 370—L Stevens, 7th May, '01. 372—W Simpson, 26th May, '02. Geo W Scott, 7th July, '02; J N Fullmer, 3rd January, '03. 379—R White, 19th April, '02. 382—T C Graham, J E Eccles, A Rouse, J J Mason, 15th June, '03. 385—P McCarthy, 5th July, '02. 396—W Ferguson, Jr., 7th October, '02. 400—J S Fairfield, 25th October, '02; T Howarth, 1st December, '02. 402—W Betcone, 4th March, '03. 405—John De Sousa, 9th February, '03. 406—F E Vogt, 17th November, '02; G N Brokenshire, 3rd March, '03. 410—E A Macdonald, 18th December, '02. 412—G McG Farewell, 2nd July, '02; E Biggings, 11th July, '03. 414—E A Chapman, 18th April, '03; Russell Woods, 27th August, '02. 415—R J Armstrong, 19th September, '02; E A Carpenter, 25th

November, '02. 418—A P Purvis, 12th March, '03. 419—W A Houser, 4th September, '02. 420—J S Cormack. September, '02. 429—D McKellar, 11th March, '03. 430—R A Hunter, 18th May, '03. 432—J A Hallman. 437—C Vince, 16th May, '00. 439 A Boyd, 4th September, '01; S F B Reid, 29th April, '02. 441—Joel Clark, 2nd June, '03. 442—John Steele, 19th October, '02; T J McCort, 5th February, '03. E A Carpenter, 25th November, '02.

RESTORATIONS, 1902-1903.

No. 6—E P Barnes, E Murphy. 11—J O Frost. 15—R Gourley. 18—A Bull, W Batton. 20—A M Frederick. 21a—M W McGillivray. 22—J Hill. 26—J M G Young. 27—G A Black, R Mackay. 28—W H Knox, D McKercher. 33—M O Johnston, D Johnston. 34—S L Lauler. 35—W Sweet. 40—R J Faulkner, R Trainor, W S Dodds. 43—C Otton, W C Burt. 44—E H Raymour, L W Morrison. 45—E D Henwood, R Henwood, H Parr A C Bowers, J Jackson, L Benedict. 46—J E Peers, W Caughlin. 47—G W Busch. 50—R J Morrow. 52—C A Olmsted. 55—R Soper. 56—J McKenzie. 61—W F Silver, W A Inwood, L P Corman, W W Lumsden, L D Patton, W Peel. 69—F Loucks, M Seeley. 73—J Clyde. 75—W Cleland. 76—D A McLeod, Wm Rice. 77—W A Jewett, J Makins, F Crandell. 78—S Cowan. 82 G Cathcart. 83—E Vokes J W Brown. 86—M Goodwin. 88—R Brandon, Jos Naughan. 93—J H Scott, N T Ritchie, J H Livessey. 94—Geo Kellor. 95—W J Sutton, H A Coulter, R D Preston. 99—J H Millard, W C Niles. 100—J D Lyon, W S Freed. 103—R Foster. 106—T S Rutherford. 107—John Westron. 118—A Wilkinson 119—T I Spewart. 121—T J Rogers, W T James, R Henwood, W H Masterson, J T Storey. 123—S F Jones. 133—S Triumner. 137—E B Brown, R Campbell. 139—A D Cox. 143—S T Loucks, A Thompson, H A Wallace, S J Hunter, E P Everetts, W F W Carstairs, W J Thompson, J McQuade, J F Huchcroft. 144—N Lorimer. 149—J E Decon. 158—J R Windover. 162—H P Harrison. 165—J W L McCraney. 171—J W Brown, B McIntyre. 181—W H Cudney. 194—R Palmer, J J Bell. 197—E M Stenabaugh. 201—S F Greenigan. 207—W J McNaughton, H Superior, R Bethune, J Houston. 209a—C J Carter. 217—S Hicks, S Dennis. 218—Thos Black, J Wright, J C Gough, S Boam. 225—S A Burton. 230—J N Bell. 236—W W Bantinbimer. 238—R J Stevens. 247—A Robertson, A Pardee. 250—Hugh McKay, D G Murray. 253—Ben Robinson. 254—T Slater. 26—G C Wagner. 257—C H Griffin, J A McCormick, J McEwen. 261—A Smith. 263—Thos Jones. 266—A L Murphy, Jos Hood. 271—D S McLellan. 276—E McNeil, B Shepherd. 287—A L McEwen, J J Jackson. 295—J Gregory. 302—D M Bell. 303—E Livingston. 004—H Warnica, D McKinnon. 312—J Logan. 316—F Perry, S G Sagwell. 320—W McKay, A Hetherington. R Beattie, F D McNaughton, A Helmer. 321—J E McGarvin. 322—Geo F Wood. 324—R Stack. 330—W H Taylor. 333—R N Henderson. 338—S H Horton. 339—W A Verner, H A Daucy. 341—D A McLaren, P McDougall, A C McLeod, M Kerr. 346—G H Crawford, J J Towers, G Williams, J P Campbell. 354—S Reazin, G C Beal. 360—J C Thompson. 367—A Taylor, J Kincade. 370—V V Stevens. 371—J A Houston, T Parkinson, J Fletcher. 378—R Guard, H C Symonds. 380—G G Oldaker, M A McKinnon. 382—Thos Meade. 3-3—A E Molson. 384—J D Tuesley, N McCrimmon. 386—M Dykes. 387—W O Bell. 388—J Bowman. 393—T R Reid. 394—G McDonald. 396—G L Kitchen, T H Loughheed, A J Kyle. 397—D Boucher. 412—T J Foster. 414—H Carson. 415—A McLennan, Hugh Ferguson, J H Elliott, R Allison, N McNabb, J H Graham. 416—W C Bulloch, R P Boyd. 420—S A Huntington. 426—J Roddick. 427—W F Watson, W K Griffith, H A Blewitt, C Brouse, A McNabb. 430—C W Maginn, Hy Tutt. 432—J A Hallman. 437—T G Johnstone.

In Memoriam

Most Worshipful Brother

JOHN JAMES MASON

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A.M.,
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Died 15th June, 1903.

Right Worshipful Brother

N. L. STEINER

Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto ;
P. D. D. G. M. Toronto District, No. 11.

Died 5th January, 1903.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN S. TENNANT

Past Master Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow ;
P. D. D. G. M. North Huron District, No. 5.

Died 11th September, 1902.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

A. B. JARDINE

Past Master New Hope Lodge, No. 297, Hespeler ;
P. D. D. G. M. Wellington District No. 7.

Died 21st February, 1903.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN CREASOR

Past Master North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound ;
P. D. D. G. M. Georgian Bay District, No. 9.

Died 10th March, 1903.

Right Worshipful Brother

THOMAS ALLAN STAYNER

Past Master Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville ;
P. D. D. G. M. St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

Died 6th September, 1902.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

W. McCABE

Past Master Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa ;
P. D. D, G. M. Ontario District, No. 12.

Died 23rd April, 1903.

Right Worshipful Brother

HENRY W. DAY

Past Master Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton ;
P. D. D. G. M. Prince Edward District, No. 13.

Died 10th January, 1903.

Very Worshipful Brother

JAMES BOWMAN

Past Master Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville ;
Past Grand Junior Deacon.

Died 30th July, 1902.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

JOSEPH HOOK

Past Master St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London ;
Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Died 4th January, 1903.

Very Worshipful Brother

JOHN CLEMENT

Past Master Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara ;
Past Grand Sword Bearer.

Died 24th April, 1903.

Very Worshipful Brother

P. A. CRAIG

Past Master Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor ;
Past Grand Sword Bearer.

Died 21st February, 1902.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

J. B. POWELL

Past Master Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby ;
Past Grand Steward.

Died 21st October, 1902.

Very Worshipful Brother

GEORGE HODGETTS

Past Master St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto ;
Past Grand Steward.

Died 14th February, 1903.

Very Worshipful Brother

JOSEPH E. BEETON

Past Master Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines ;
Past Grand Steward.

Died 25th January, 1903.

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" R. H. Arthur, M.D.	Sudbury	Nipissing	" 18
" Alfred J. Whitly	Parry Sound	Muskoka	" 19

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" R. W. Hull	North Toronto	Asst. Grand Organist
" N. M. Moore	Warton	Grand Pursuivant

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V. W. Bro. Harry D. Leask

THE GRAND TYLER.

Bro. A. E. Filton, Brockville.

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" "	Alfred J. Whithy	Farr, Sound

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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1903

Report on Correspondence

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada:

The following review of the Proceedings, which have been received during the past year, is herewith presented. They are reviewed in alphabetical order, and a list will be found at the close of the report:

ALABAMA.

82nd Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 2, 1902.

Russell M. Cunningham, G. M.

The Grand Master reports 14 new lodges.

The amendment submitted to the lodges to provide a fund for a Widows' and Orphans' Home was defeated.

Recognition of Costa Rica was postponed.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. William Y. Titcomb reports on Correspondence. In his conclusion he says:

Look at England with her magnificent benevolent institutions—Homes for the Aged and Infirm, Homes and Schools for Boys, and Homes and Schools for Girls, all sustained by voluntary contributions of the Free Masons, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars every year.

Look at the many splendid Masonic Homes in the United States, and then answer the question, "Is not the work going bravely on?"

Thus is Masonry performing one part of her grand, her exalted mission—doing works of benevolence.

Without Charity, Free Masonry would be no warmer than a stupendous iceberg floating in a sunless sea, but with it she is like a colossal being of rare beauty, and mighty in strength, love written in letters of light on her radiant countenance, walking through the world, tenderly lifting up the helpless, and assuaging their grief, carrying them up in her arms to an elevated plain of refreshment, light and joy.

May we all as men and Masons live up to our high calling, and exemplify the tenets we profess, in our daily lives.

Lodges, 387; members, 13,494; increase, 652.
Robert J. Reddan (Sulligent), G. M.
George A. Beauchamp (Montgomery), G. S.

ARIZONA.

21st Communication, Phoenix, Nov. 11, 1902.

John J. Sweeney, G. M.

The Grand Master visited a number of the lodges and found the necessity of a uniform work; otherwise the Craft is in good condition.

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized.

The incorporation of lodges was forbidden.

Bro. Charles D. Belden reports on Correspondence. In his introduction he has the following remarks on Freemasonry on the Continent of Europe:

Freemasonry has, to-day, confronting it, the gravest problem possible. The investigations by her scholars and jurists of the English and American Grand Lodges, during the past few years, have developed the fact that upon the entire continent of Europe there is no Masonry of our sort. There the Grand Bodies, and their subordinates, are atheistical and political. Most of them are ruled by the so-called higher degrees and some of them by the fiat of political rulers, and none are independent or sovereign as to Ancient Craft Masonry. Their departure from our customs is even said to go so far that they "do not exclude by secret ballot, but require all black balls avowed and justified to the Master's satisfaction, or else they are counted as white, and the candidate accepted, no matter how many have voted negatively."

But, while all these matters of procedure might be adjusted, there is disclosed a divergence from our system that is radical, and has already induced the Grand Lodges of Vermont, Florida, Virginia, Maine, Connecticut and Illinois to sever all fraternal relations with the Grand Bodies of Continental Europe, or to take measures leading thereto. This action is taken because "our system holds to the fundamental idea of a belief in God and in the immortality of the soul," while those Grand Bodies have practically, if not actually, discarded it.

There is not the slightest doubt as to where Arizona will stand in this matter. She will stand as boldly upon that fundamental doctrine as any of her sister Grand Lodges, and each and every one of her American sisters will present an equally firm adherence to that doctrine. If schism there must be, let it be made. Our whole organization is but a rope of sand if we are not bound by reason of our confidence in the Supreme Being and an expectation of a future life. Without our fundamental platform we are naught but a political combine, and that is exactly what it was the aim of Freemasonry to avoid.

It appears that the pronounced atheism of the Grand Orient of France was but the more prominent aspect of a grave malady. It was but the external indication of the cancerous growth that had its tentacles deep down in the body politic of European Freemasonry. And, like to our trust in modern palliative surgical measures, we had fondly imagined that we had stayed or destroyed the disease when we cut off that portion which was evident, when we severed fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, but we did not eradicate the virus.

We must not trifle or dally with soft words or specious pleas such as are made in the letter written by Bro. Albert J. Kruger, of Belgium, in answer to the inquiries propounded by the committee of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. He would smother the doctrine by a grand plea for unity first and principles afterward. It cannot be done. Either the principles of Freemasonry prevail, or there can be no common bond, and we are sure to be disintegrated.

We are facing a great crisis. Freemasonry, as we know it, and uphold it, is strong enough to live through it, and will, as always heretofore, arise yet stronger for the purification.

Lodges, 17; members, 1,023; increase, 84.

Francis M. Zuch (Holbrook), G. M.

Geo. J. Roskruege (Tucson), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

61st Communication, Little Rock, Nov. 18, 1902.

Harry H. Myers, G. M.

The Grand Master gives the following very pleasant and glowing description of the state of things in this favored State:

In this grand aggregation of states, each of which is a gem of fame in the nation's diadem of glory, how proud we should be to respond when the name of Arkansas, our "peerless Arkansas," is called; our State whose resources are as boundless as is our destiny, and the future of Arkansas is as unlimited as the path of the Pleiades. Where such climate, where such alluvial soil, where such forests, veritable mines of untold wealth, where such fruit that enraptures the world's most fastidious epicure, where such valleys where cotton is king, and where the sun beams are woven by our gentle breezes into armor heads for wheat and corn that gladden the heart of the husbandman, and where the moon's rays are distilled by heaven's dew into an aroma which makes of our products the choicest known to man; where such majestic mountain peaks, so grand that the mighty oak and graceful pine sway God's richest melody for His goodness to us, and in whose deep wonderful caverns sleeps the spirit of the wind and storm. These and more all tell that Arkansas is entrenched behind a wall of absolute plenty. Few to equal and none to excel, and all hail the richness of nature's paradise, Arkansas. Every citizen has cause for thankfulness at our

unbounded prosperity. The past two years have, as a general rule, been good, and our advancement in almost all lines of trade, education and religion, has been very material. Our fraternity has enjoyed the very fullest measure of prosperity, and never in its history has such results been achieved. Our increase in lodges has been fifteen ; in membership we have a net gain of 216. Its influence for kind toleration and condescension has aided in the effacement of the last vestige of sectional bitterness, so that to-day as one people all hope that the few remaining years of those men who represented the valor and greatness of American arms may be surrounded by peace and every blessing, and their lives of devotion, self-sacrifice and patriotism to duty shall ever be to us a sacred heritage. The utmost peace and harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction; no discord, no strife, no bickerings, no enmities, mar the calm serenity of our Masonic brotherhood. How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. While our fraternal advancement has been so satisfactory our advancement in all other lines has been equally coextensive. New railroads have penetrated hitherto unoccupied territory, and where was but recently an almost endless wilderness is now happy and prosperous cities and towns; homes have succeeded barren and wild desolation ; mills have increased, manufacturing multiplied ; labor is profitably employed and contented; harvests this year have been most bountiful, and where a year ago, owing to the severe drought in some sections of the State, want in some instances stalked abroad there is plenty now. Therefore, as a people, let us be thankful for these and all other blessings, national, state, and fraternal, and we should all join in praise to God from whom all blessings flow.

No fewer than fifteen new lodges were organized during the two years since the last meeting.

The wisdom of holding biennial sessions, as a saving of expense, has been well demonstrated. Their Temple debt has been reduced from \$35,000 to \$25,000 in the two years.

The Grand Orator, Bro. William T. Hammock, delivered an excellent address on Truth and Citizenship.

The usual review of other Proceedings is omitted for financial reasons.

Lodges, 462 ; members, 12,416 ; increase, 216.

John T. Hicks (Little Rock), G. M.

Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

31st Communication, Victoria, June 19, 1902.

Fred. McB. Young, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is an able Masonic document, indicating thorough devotion to the Craft and

a faculty of doing the right thing at the right time. The Fraternity is congratulated on the present prosperous condition of Masonry. A healthy activity prevails, and they have every reason to be proud of the state of the Craft in the jurisdiction. Nearly all the lodges were visited by Grand Lodge Officers. On the use of the black ball Bro. Young well says:

The right, however, to use the black ball carries with it a grave responsibility, and is a sacred privilege which should be exercised with fine judgment, having regard to both the Order and the applicant. Given a certain condition of things the decision a member arrives at as to how he shall vote is a fine test of manhood. If he has aught against a brother or brethren of the lodge, or is sulking under some fancied wrong or has a grievance, either real or imaginary, and is discontented with himself and his surroundings in general, and is prepared to forget these differences and prejudices and decide on the merits of the applicant alone, then it can be truly said of him that he has stood the test and acted with the spirit of a man and a Mason. If on the other hand he decides, without reference to the applicant, to cast the ball of rejection for any of the above reasons alone, and for revenge will sacrifice a worthy, upright and innocent person, he is a coward, a hypocrite, and unworthy the fellowship of honorable men. If there be such a Mason among you, then bide your time. The evil he has done will be visited on himself, and his hypocrisy will soon be revealed. Then banish him from your midst.

We also copy the excellent remarks of the Grand Master on the proper attitude of Masons after their funeral service is concluded:

It is my opinion, however, that it would not be improper to remain during the ceremonies of any other order or society of which the deceased was a member, but on the contrary that we should not leave until the end. Over the open grave of the deceased brother we declare to the world: "We have assembled here in the character of Masons to resign his body to the earth, whence it came, and to offer up to his memory before the world this last tribute of affection, thereby demonstrating the sincerity of our esteem for him, etc." I must confess that I would place very little value on the "sincerity of our esteem" if it would be deemed "improper" to remain for a few minutes and listen to the farewell of a society, which the deceased, in his lifetime, thought of sufficient importance to be identified with, to the support of which he contributed, and from which, no doubt, material benefits will be derived by his family or relatives. We do not participate in these ceremonies, and I am quite sure that we will in no way be contaminated by them. Again, to rush from the place as soon as the Masonic service is completed, irrespective of what follows, is an act of discourtesy to the friends and relatives of the deceased.

The Grand Historian, Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, has secured a considerable amount of information concerning the early history of the Craft in the Province. A complete set of the transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati of London has been ordered for the Grand Lodge at a cost of about \$65.

It was decided not to recognize any Masonic body in Mexico at the present time.

The visit of two Past Grand Masters, who were both initiated in the same lodge in Ontario, is thus recorded:

M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, P. G. M. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was announced as a visitor, received with Grand Honors and seated in the Grand East. M. W. Bro. Ovas, in a few well chosen remarks, expressed his pleasure in making a visit to British Columbia, as well as the privilege of visiting Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was announced, who, after being received with Grand Honors, was seated in the Grand East. M. W. Bro. Robertson, upon the invitation of the M. W. the Grand Master, gave a short address, which was listened to with great interest by the brethren.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. DeWolf Smith, who reviews 66 Proceedings in a most pleasing and instructive manner. Our Proceedings of 1901 are fraternally noticed, with numerous extracts and complimentary comments. On the system of "rotation in office," he is justly severe:

In this jurisdiction the "rotation in office" too often begins with the Junior Deacon, and a brother appointed to that office feels aggrieved, if, the following year, he is not appointed Senior Deacon, and the year after that elected Junior Warden, and so on until he arrives in the East. There are dozens of members who make excellent Deacons who are utterly unfit for the Mastership, and there are many Wardens who do well enough in these stations, but who have no more idea of governing a lodge than they have of squaring the circle. The consequences of putting a man of this kind in the Master's chair are soon seen. The members lose interest in the lodge meetings; the work is done in a careless, slipshod manner, and the dignity of the Craft suffers. Year after year a crop of Past Masters is turned out whose Masonic knowledge is a minus quality, and who only attend the lodge on the occasion of a Grand Visitation or some other ceremonial, wearing the jewel with which a mistaken sentiment on the part of their brethren has adorned them. In our opinion the fault does not lie so much with the regular attendants at lodge as with those who are conspicuous by their absence until the night of the election of officers, when they appear in force. They know nothing of the ability (or want of it) dis-

played by the various officers in their respective stations, and take it for granted that the brother filling the Senior Warden's chair has done his work well enough to deserve promotion, and so on right down the line. The same tendency (that is, to rotation in office) is seen in the Grand Lodge, and with equally unfortunate results.

Lodges, 36; members, 2,195; increase, 217.

E. E. Chipman (Kaslo), G. M.

R. E. Brett (Victoria), G. S.

Our visit to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia will ever be a most pleasant memory. The kindness of the brethren and their hospitality is beyond all praise. The beautiful city of Victoria, its balmy climate and charming surroundings is a most delightful spot in which the weary worn business man can enjoy a holiday to its fullest extent. We returned home very much improved in health and with a very satisfactory increase of adipose tissue. Our friends say that we look ten years younger.

CALIFORNIA.

53rd Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1902.

William S. Wells, G. M.

The year has been a prosperous one. On their increase in membership the Grand Master says:

While the general prosperity and favorable conditions prevailing in our State and jurisdiction have invited immigration, and thereby brought to us many affiliates, the greater number by far have come from the ranks of the uninitiated, attracted to our Fraternity, we trust, not only by the favorable opinion formed of it, but also by reason of the fact that our brethren so walk and act as to be examples of all that is good and noble in Masonry, and may such conditions forever exist to the end that the future will be brighter and more prosperous than the past, and the advancement and development in numbers, but more particularly in those moral and intellectual characteristics which give stability to constitute the value of our Institution and bring the approval and approbation of the Supreme Architect upward and onward to a higher and a better state.

Seven new lodges were formed.

The Grand Lecturer says:

The Fraternity may feel felicitous upon the splendid showing for the year. Harmony, prosperity and progress have put their seal upon our beloved Institution, and all goes well. The great increase in membership, the excellence of the material gained, and the perfect execution of the work and ritual are eloquent testimony in establishing the proof of widespread interest that has been awakened within and without our mem-

bership, and are harbingers of the greater good that we may be able to accomplish in the years to come.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, and two Grand Lodges in Mexico.

The total number of inmates in the Home is 106. The expense of maintaining the Home was \$17.18 per month for each inmate.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. William A. Davies. In his review of Canada for 1901, he mentions the portraits of Past Grand Masters, with the comment that they "constitute a group of Masonic celebrities not often found in a single jurisdiction." He also remarks that he has not seen the equal of the thorough supervision of the entire jurisdiction by our District Deputies.

Lodges, 277; members, 24,735; increase, 1,959.

Orrin S. Henderson (Stockton), G. M.

George Johnson (San Francisco), G. S.

COLORADO.

42nd Communication, Denver, Sept. 16, 1902.

George D. Kennedy, G. M.

The past year was one of great activity in the lodges, and the initiates were selected with care and judgment. A new lodge was opened at Steamboat Springs.

On receiving a complaint as to the character of an entertainment given by the Mystic Shrine in the Masonic Temple at Denver, the Grand Master appointed a commission to investigate. Part of the report is as follows:

The Commission finds the following facts:

That the so-called "lobster smoker," which occasioned your appointment of the commission, was gotten up by a committee appointed and representing the Mystic Shrine of Denver, and given on the 10th of February, 1902, in the several lodge rooms and halls of Masonic Temple that are used by Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies and Scottish Rite, and also by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado.

That to the said so-called "lobster smoker" the public was admitted and an admission fee of 25 cents was charged. That among those present were boys or young men who were thought to be as young as seventeen years.

That at that "entertainment" kegs of beer were on tap, and beer was sold by the glass. That a banner on the wall advised all present that the supply was unlimited, as one of the large breweries of the city had been bought out.

That there was dancing by a woman in short skirts, who hailed from a public place which was described by a witness as a "low-down resort."

That the drinks were sold and the dancing took place in the banquet room, and in the room used by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado.

That beer or punch, or both, are commonly used at ceremonial meetings of the Shrine, and are served in the room occupied by the M. W. Grand Lodge at its annual grand communications.

That sport and hilarity are features of the Shrine ceremonies, and that Masons have been known to become intoxicated thereat.

That the character of the "entertainment" of the 10th of February was a surprise to most of those who attended, Shriners as well as others. That some soon left in indignant disgust. That some were so hurt that they appealed to officials to put a stop to the proceedings, but unsuccessfully. That one, at least, was so affected that he went off by himself and wept. That it has been a topic of reproach by Masons and others, and the press has held it up as a disgrace to Masonry. That it is discussed by ladies at social gatherings with wonder and surprise. That Masons have expressed their intention of withdrawing from the Fraternity, and proposed applications for the degrees have been suspended. That on a street car strangers have been heard discussing the "entertainment" that had been dished up for Masons and their friends.

That Master Mason, not Shriners, generally understand the Shrine to be an advanced degree of Masonry, because it is known that to be eligible one must be a Knight Templar or a thirty-second degree Mason. That the same brethren generally think the Shrine to be a resort for sport and hilarity, including the use of intoxicating drinks—a general rendezvous for Masons looking for a "good time."

That inquiry among reputable persons not Masons shows the common idea to be that the Shrine is a high degree of Masonry, composed of a comparatively wild element that a conservative Mason would not join; that they hold late carousals, are more or less disorderly and get intoxicated; that hotel keepers have been known after the triennial conclaves of the grand encampment of the United States, to declare that they never wanted another held where they kept hotel, because of the disorder of a portion of the Shrine element.

In the opinion of your Commission, a body which voluntarily uses the Masonic degrees to establish the eligibility of its initiates, must abide by the letter and spirit of the Masonic law-making power, irrespective of whether such body is officially "recognized" by the M. W. Grand Lodge or not. The fact that such a body uses the Masonic degrees as a stepping stone thereto, so as to possess the great Masonic field to canvass for recruits, so as to appear in the public eye as a high degree of Masonry, so as to enjoy its ancient lineage, so as to participate in its well-earned reputation, demands absolute loyalty to the Masonic traditions and character. To allege that the members of such a body are under no obligation to abide by the principles and laws of the Institution which enables them to join the Shrine, may be adroit, but in the light of recent events, is intolerable.

The public understands the Shrine to be a high degree of Masonry. That idea was not conveyed to the public by the Lodge, nor the Chapter, nor the Commandery, nor the Scottish Rite bodies. It was done by the Shrine itself. How this conception became so general is of little consequence, but it is partially due to the fact that the Shrine is advertised in a way to attract special attention, and at times holds meetings contemporaneously with prominent Masonic gatherings. That it stands prominently forth in the public eye as one of the most advanced of Masonic bodies, is also due to the fundamental condition precedent to initiation, voluntarily assumed by the Shrine itself. The public believes a feature of the Shrine is to furnish a resort where Masons as such can drink and be merry, which they cannot do in other Masonic bodies. So far as its effect is concerned it makes no difference whether this conception of the public be correct or not. Possessing that idea, right or wrong, it follows that the Shrine itself cannot be seriously injured by public knowledge of such entertainments as the late so-called "Lobster Smoker." The injury is to the Lodge, the Chapter, the Commandery, the Scottish Rite—bodies that the public understand to permit nothing of that character. In other words, the public is led to believe that Masons are hypocrites, and that their moral attitude is to be put on and taken off like a suit of clothes. One person, not a Mason, said that the "smoker" proved Masons to be just as immoral as other people—no better and no worse: that the "smoker" showed precisely how Masons keep their obligations. For this injury to the good name and reputation of Masonry the Shrine has thus far been responsible. It can be so no longer. The responsibility must now devolve upon the M. W. Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master promptly condemned these disreputable proceedings, and advised Masons to leave the Shrine alone until they behave themselves better.

In the report of the Grand Lecturer we find the following on the use of robes:

Some of our lodges, and especially those in Denver, are becoming inoculated with the robe fever and a desire to elaborate and introduce scenic or theatrical effects. Personally, I believe in the old fashioned way of impressing the candidate and not trying to amuse the on-lookers. Deeming it a matter of interest at least as to what other jurisdictions are doing in this way, I made inquiry as to the extent of their use, the impression produced where they are used, and whether any regulations had been made concerning their use. I wrote to twenty-eight jurisdictions and received replies from eighteen. Of these, eight say that robes are not used at all, and the others give their use in a few lodges only. I have not learned of any jurisdiction which has made and regulation concerning their use. In thirteen jurisdictions the Grand Lecturer says he does not consider their use advisable or adding impressiveness to the degrees. In two cases they considered it as adding much, but the remaining ones took a neutral ground and were not opposed to their use. The Grand

Lecturer of New Mexico so well expresses my own views on this subject that I will quote his words: "It is my belief that the beauty of the three York Rite degrees lies in their simplicity. I believe that these degrees are conferred, not for the purpose of entertaining those who have taken them, but for the sole purpose of impressing upon the mind of the candidate certain wise, serious and solemn truths. In order to accomplish this purpose it is necessary that those conferring the degrees should be inspired with the true idea of what they are doing; this inspiration can only proceed from the heart, and if the inspiration is there, robes will add nothing to the impressiveness."

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia and the National Grand Lodge of Egypt. Costa Rica was deferred.

Bro. L. N. Greenleaf reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1901.

Lodges, 100; members, 9,432; increase, 524.

Marshall H. Dean (Glenwood Springs), G. M.

William D. Todd (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

115th Communication, New Haven, January 21, 1903.

Arthur C. Wheeler, G. M.

The utmost harmony prevails throughout the entire jurisdiction, and the great interest in the Craft is shown by the substantial increase in membership.

Their Masonic Home is an institution of which the Masons of Connecticut are justly proud. The present number of inmates is 72. The average cost per capita per diem was about 42 cents, and the increase in the cost of coal and other necessities has materially increased this average. This Home has been in operation for about eight years. It has proved itself to be practicable and capable of being conducted upon the principles of Masonic charity and also upon sound business principles. The Grand Master wants a permanent endowment fund of \$250,000, and thinks that can easily be raised.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That there be required to be paid to the Grand Lodge from each lodge in this jurisdiction, the sum of one dollar for each member upon its roll of membership.

Resolved, That in estimating their membership all members may be deducted who have been in good standing thirty years.

Resolved, That twenty-five per cent. of the amount received be appropriated for defraying the expenses of the Grand Lodge, and seventy-five per cent. be appropriated for the purpose of the Masonic Charity Foundation Fund of Connecticut.

Costa Rica and Western Australia were recognized.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1902.

Lodges, 110; members, 18,514; increase, 784.

Leon M. Woodford (Naugatuck), G. M.

John H. Barlow (Hartford), G. S.

CUBA.

At the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held at Havana on the 23rd March, 1902, the Grand Master, Bro. Jose F. Pellon, in his address states with eminent satisfaction that, excepting some minor differences in individual lodges, a uniform spirit of order, harmony, cordiality, and in some instances, of progress and enthusiasm, has reigned in the lodges. During the year he issued nine dispensations for new lodges, and four others were reorganized. He ruled that a semi-annual password was not necessary, holding that the diploma and the last monthly dues receipt, with the indispensable examination and recognition, would be sufficient.

On affairs foreign to Masonry, and other matters, he goes on to say:

Affairs foreign to Masonry.—Fraternidad Lodge, of Santiago de Cuba, addressed a communication to the Grand Lodge requesting their intervention with a view to revoking certain civil judgments relative to the rights of chaplains, to which I replied that we should not concern ourselves in similar affairs, since Masonry is and should be completely removed from matters pertaining to the dispensation of right in the courts of justice. I shall never tire of repeating that it is an error to suppose Masonry to be a power or social force for influencing the acts of public authorities. The object of our institution is moral only, its acts should be individual, never collective.

Admission of Candidates.—Recognizing the desirability of reminding the lodges, especially those recently formed by brothers not proceeding from the old lodges of the jurisdiction, of Art. 120 of our Code, referring to candidates for initiation, I issued a circular to be read in all the sessions of the months of November and December, in which I called attention to the qualifications of the Mason as regards morality, honesty and social standing, so as to curb excessive proselytism prompted by a desire to increase the membership lists, and to obviate the admission of elements that might prove detrimental to our fraternal institution.

Politics and Religion.—In the aforementioned circular I further referred to the Ancient Limits and Precepts that prohibit the discussion of political and religious questions in the lodge rooms, and I reminded the Masters of the lodges of their

duty to energetically repress brothers who, ignorant of said Precepts, or imbued with wrong ideas, blind with political passion or religious prejudices, may carry into the quiet precincts of the lodge, neutral ground in man's strifes, the discussion of such matters, prohibited by Masonic law and unfit becoming our aims. This measure was suggested to me by the apprehension that the high-going waves of political agitation of the then electoral campaign, or the zealous efforts of missionaries and ministers of various religious denominations seeking members among our people, might carry into the bosom of our lodges the discussion of subjects completely prohibited there. The circular was faithfully heeded, and no case of infraction of the Ancient Precepts in any lodge has come to my notice.

Lodges, 42; members, 1,874; increase, 397.

Jose F. Pellon (Cienfuegos), G. M.

Aurelio Miranda (Havana), G. S.

DELAWARE.

96th Communication, Wilmington, Oct. 1, 1902.

George M. Jones, G. M.

On the approach of their centennial anniversary the Grand Master remarks as follows:

You may well feel proud of your Grand Lodge, its past is replete with success, its future full of promise. The first Grand Lodge to be organized in the century just closed, it has passed safely through the troublous times with which some of its years were fraught, and has reached into the new century with unflagging vigor, and capable of good, active work during the years to come. While many other Grand Lodges have been formed during the century, as the world has developed in population and prosperity, Delaware has no cause at all to be ashamed of her Masonic development. Never large in numbers, on account of the size of its territory and the smallness of its population, its members have always been active in all good work and enterprises, and its lodges hold their regular Communications, disseminate Knowledge, Fraternity and Charity along the lines of Ancient Craft Masonry, and yield the palm to none in veneration and respect for our Ancient and Honorable Order. In anticipation of this anniversary I feel sure we will all be interested, and unite our best efforts in making it a red letter year in our history, and its celebration something of which we will all be proud. The committee are preparing plans for this interesting event, and all details will be carefully considered, in order that the best possible program can be arranged, so that all may be edified by the exercises.

The lodges are all in a healthy condition, and nearly all show a substantial increase in membership during the year. The Grand Master visited all the lodges, several

more than once. The Lodges of Instruction were continued, but with varying success.

Bro. L. H. Jackson reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1901.

Lodges, 21; members, 2,433; increase, 69.

Harry J. Guthrie (Wilmington), G. M.

Benjamin F. Bartram (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

At the semi-annual Communication held on May 14, 1902, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary notify all Grand Lodges with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relations that there are in the District of Columbia several lodges composed of persons of African descent claiming to be Masonic, and that these several lodges have formed a Grand Lodge; that these lodges are all clandestine and that the Grand Lodge formed by them is also clandestine; and further, that there are no persons of African descent members, at this time, of any of the constituent lodges of our Grand Lodge.

92nd Communication, Washington, Dec. 3, 1902.

Malcolm Seaton, G. M.

The past year was almost phenomenal in the steady progress in the ranks, and the interest displayed has added to the honor and reputation of the Craft.

The second Fair, held in April, to aid in paying for the site of a new Masonic Temple, was a great success, and realized the handsome sum of \$45,000, which completed the purchase of the site, and the committee are now at work at the plans.

The Grand Visitations were made most pleasant by programs of interesting and instructive addresses, music of a high order, and other features of hospitality.

The new Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized.

Schools of Instruction were held twice a month during the year, and the work is more accurate and uniform than ever before.

Bro. G. W. Baird presented an excellent report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1902 finds a place. In his review of South Dakota Bro. Baird has the following:

We are much interested in the review on Cuba and Belgium. We have visited many lodges in Romish countries and have been struck with the atheistic tendencies of not only the Masons but all educated men in the large cities. We have not, however, found any lodges "solidly arrayed against the Catholic church." What we did find was this: Men having

fallen out and become disgusted with their church, would affiliate with anything the church antagonized. Some of them go into Masonry ; they attempt to use it against the church, and if there should be enough of them in the lodge, they might succeed, but we have found them always in the minority. In Spain it is a capital offense to be a Freemason ; in Portugal and Italy it is a penal offense. A man was hanged in the alemeda in Barcelona in 1848 for being a Mason. The Encyclical letter of Leo XIII entitled *Humanum genus*, is not only a tirade against and excommunication of Masons, but is also a malign attack upon decency. How the vicar of Christ on earth can utter such awful curses I cannot understand any more than can the Masons in Romish countries.

We also copy the following from Bro. Baird's review of Washington :

Under the caption of "Belgium" our good brother quotes the Illinois reviewer, whose text is misleading to the extent that one would be led to think the Grand Lodges of Hungary and Belgium had but recently entered into fraternal relation with the Grand Orient of France. The fact is they have always been in fraternal correspondence and relationship. The language of Belgium is French; the habits of the Belgians are identical with those of the French; they have the same gods, the same fashions, the same amusements, the same cuisine, and their territory is adjacent. You may as well seek to separate the Scotch and English as to sever the relations between the French and Belgian Masons. It is true the Belgians have preserved the Great Light, which the French have discarded, but, to them, we imagine, this is not regarded as a matter of great importance. A Frenchman who had spent two years in the United States returned to France in disgust. "Mon Dieu," he said, "one hundred and seventy-six religions and only one soup!"

Lodges, 26; members, 6,711; increase, 454.

George H. Walker (Washington), G. M.

Arvine W. Johnston (Washington), G. S.

ENGLAND.

Quarterly Communication, Dec. 3, 1902.

The new Licensing Act caused the following discussion :

W. Brother Major J. E. LeFeuvre : I wish to ask a question with regard to our Brother Registrar's valuable report on the subject of clubs and the licensing act. He puts forth very clearly that lodges meeting twelve times a year habitually use their premises, and therefore they come under the act. Now, I belong to a lodge which meets but twice a year, and I wish to ask whether that lodge would be considered as habitually using the premises?

V. W. Bro. Loveland Loveland, K. C. : The answer to that question, Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master, is, "Yes."

W. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P. A. G. D. C.: Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master and Brethren, I think we must all be of one opinion, namely, that we are deeply indebted to the Very Worshipful Grand Registrar for expending so much of his valuable time and patience in providing this very able digest of a very knotty and very complicated subject. But I think there is one little matter connected with the provinces that is not made clear, and the Grand Registrar will perhaps forgive me if I pointed it out. Various matters are mentioned, but there is a little function which always takes place in my province—and, I think, in three or four provinces in the neighborhood—and that is, that when the brethren live at a town where the Provincial Grand Lodge is held some twenty miles away they are usually entertained as guests by the lodge under the banner of which the Provincial Grand Lodge holds its meetings. That means that they are members of the club for one day, for the entertainment, such as it is, is held in the lodge room. Now, how is it possible, at half an hour's notice, to enroll some 200 or 300 members of a club? That is a matter which we might have a little light thrown upon. It was not, perhaps, worth the Very Worshipful Grand Registrar's notice at the time, or he may have overlooked it; but it is worth consideration, and some sort of provision should be made for it. This is only in the morning, but the banquet is held in the afternoon after the brethren have been at church, and every brother who attends the banquet pays for his own dinner ticket, and the liquid, if he wants any; but the other is an invitation conveyed by the lodge under whose banner the Provincial Grand Lodge holds its meeting that day. The question is, how are they all going to be elected?

V. W. Bro. John Strachan, Grand Registrar: Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master, this is not a question of Masonic law, but a question of the law of the land, yet I will endeavor to answer any brother as well as I can. The practice at a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting is that those Brethren who intend to be present—or the Masters of their lodges for them—send on their names a certain number of days beforehand. Therefore, it is not a question of electing at a few hours' notice. If they wish to elect them as members of the club they can do so within the 48 hours which the act refers to. Those who are simply invited to the club which is occupying the premises, it may be, are guests. Therefore, they do not require to be elected, as they are not allowed to pay. It is just the same as in any other club—whether the Carlton or any other club in the land—guests are not allowed to pay; and I point that out in my report so that brethren should take care that with regard to the sections of the licensing act no cause would be given to anyone even to think what we were offending.

W. Bro. F. W. Lamonby: I find in this letter which has just been issued, signed by the Grand Secretary, that the attention of the Board of General Purposes has been directed to a custom at the installation of Masters on more than one occasion. I dare say that many know it has been a custom for a number of years, not only in London, but in the provinces: but it would now seem that the Board of General Pur-

poses all these years has been acting the part of Rip Van Winkle. However, it is a practice that I always condemned, and it is time that the Board of General Purposes—although it is rather late in the day that it was discovered—put a stop to it.

The Grand Registrar: I am glad of the opportunity given me for referring to this. It may be that no notice has ever been taken by the Board of General Purposes because no one has made a formal complaint, and, unless there is a formal complaint, the Board does not act any more than magistrates act in any matter until a complaint is made to them. But we were in communication with the Home Office authorities while the bill was passing through Parliament (watching its progress all through in the interests of the Order), and I may say that some very prominent members of our Order—Grand Officers—had an interview with the Home Secretary on the question of how far we were going to be protected against the search-warrants which are authorized under the act. But, as the then Home Secretary, Mr. Ritchie, very forcibly pointed out—and it was quite in accordance with my own view, for I did not want to ask for any exceptional legislation on behalf of Freemasonry—that before search-warrants could be so executed as to endanger the secrecy of the lodge proper, you would have to find the very malevolent individual who would lay a false information, you would have to find the very stupid magistrate who would grant the warrant, and you would have to find a still more stupid policeman who would execute it in such a manner that he, armed with the warrant of the law, would find himself in conflict with the Tyler, who was armed with a drawn sword to keep off cowans and intruders to Masonry. I was asked when in communication with the Home Office (because I saw some of the gentlemen connected with that department) whether I could say that a lodge proper was free from drink. I am not a Rip Van Winkle, and I have seen something which I have been forced to speak about; and I told them candidly, as I was bound to do, that sometimes in some lodges the health of the Master was drunk in the lodge; that is, somebody introduced some glasses of champagne; but I said if that was likely to endanger matters I would give an undertaking that it should be condemned by the Masonic authorities. I have given that undertaking, and on the faith of what I undertook on behalf of the Order I feel sure the Home Office will take care that the act is administered in such a manner as not to interfere improperly with our lodges. I trust the brethren will support the action I took, and will see that nothing is done of the nature referred to in the circular. If we were to say you must not introduce the liquor into a room which might come under the registration clause, but you may introduce it on licensed premises, then there would be heartburnings among the brethren. What is Masonically bad in a lodge room on unlicensed premises, is Masonically bad in a lodge room in licensed premises. The Board felt that they could make no distinction, and therefore they instructed the Grand Secretary to write in the terms of that circular.

Quarterly Communication, March 4, 1903.

On the subject of unauthorized publications, the following proceedings were had :

The M. W. Pro. Grand Master intimated that the next subject on the paper might involve reference to matters of Ritual which ought not to be published, and he invited the reporters to lay down their pencils during the discussion.

W. Bro. Thomas H. Gardiner, P. A. G. D. C., then proceeded, in terms of his notice of motion, "to call attention to certain reports of meetings of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and other matter contained in newspapers, and to enquire what sanction or authority any person or persons hold to publish reports of proceedings of Grand Lodge or of any lodge under its jurisdiction." After quoting Rule 205, Book of Constitutions, which prohibits the printing or publishing of the proceedings of any lodge, or any part thereof, without the consent of the Grand Master, etc., Bro. Gardiner read several extracts from Masonic newspapers to show that reports of lodge proceedings appeared which it was improper to publish. He then read from one newspaper, which he said claimed to be "the organ of the Craft," a statement published on its front page that "Reports of the Grand Lodges are published with the special sanction of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, K. G., etc., the M. W. Grand Master of England ; His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M. W. Grand Master of Ireland ; Hon. James Hozier, M. W. Grand Master of Scotland ; and the Grand Masters of many Foreign Grand Lodges." Bro. Gardiner concluded by asking if the Grand Registrar or the Grand Secretary could say by what authority the proceedings of private lodges were published ; and what ground there was for the statement he had read, that the paper in question had the special sanction of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught to publish the reports of Grand Lodge?

The M. W. Pro. Grand Master called upon the Grand Registrar to answer the question.

The Grand Registrar said that so far as he was aware, the only authority to publish the proceedings of Grand Lodge was given some years ago by the then Grand Master (the Earl of Zetland), to a brother who is now dead ; and that, of course, only authorized the publication of such matters as were proper to be published. The present Grand Master had given no such authority to anyone ; and no newspaper, Masonic or otherwise, was justified in stating that it had such "special sanction." No permission whatever had been given by the Grand Master to report the proceedings of private lodges, and the publication of such matters as appeared in the extracts read by Bro. Gardiner was a Masonic offence which might be very severely dealt with by the Board of General Purposes. The Grand Registrar gave illustrations of the grave irregularities which might be brought about by the improper publication of the matters referred to.

The Pro. Grand Master said the subject had been brought to his notice some time ago, and had engaged the attention of himself and of certain experienced brethren upon whose advice in matters Masonic the Grand Master was accustomed to rely ; and it was felt that the best course would be for him

(Lord Amherst) to address a confidential letter to the editors of the Masonic papers upon lines which his lordship indicated. If that was also the desire of Grand Lodge he should be glad to act upon it.

Several brethren having spoken on the desirability of dealing with the matter thoroughly with regard to both London and provincial publications,

The Pro. Grand Master pointed out that there was no motion before Grand Lodge, the adoption (or otherwise) of which might guide him as to the course to be pursued.

The Grand Registrar then said that with the view of testing the feeling of Grand Lodge, he begged to move "That the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master be respectfully requested to communicate with the editors of the Masonic newspapers in manner indicated by him; and that the general question of dealing with the publication of unauthorized reports, or of matters which it is improper to publish, be referred to the special consideration of the Board of General Purposes."

V. W. Bro. J. Vesey Fitzgerald, K. C., P. D. G. R., seconded the motion.

The M. W. Pro. Grand Master put the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The Duke of Connaught, G. M.

Sir Edward Letchworth (London), G. S.

FLORIDA.

74th Communication, Jacksonville, Jan. 20, 1903.

James Carnell, G. M.

The Grand Master congratulates the membership upon their general prosperity, but above all for the peace and harmony which prevails throughout the jurisdiction. He opened two new lodges.

The Grand Master made 25 official visits. He says:

I have purposely visited (where the choice was left to myself) small and struggling lodges, rather than those of a large membership. I have tried to go where official visits were most needed and perhaps most appreciated. Many a pleasant and profitable evening (and often far into the night) has been spent in the country lodge rooms dimly lighted, with home made furniture and homely surroundings; but the great lights were on the altar and brotherly love was in the hearts of the brethren. Here the voice was hushed and the footfall was softened, as in the House of God, and here our beautiful ritual was often as impressively rendered as in the most splendidly furnished lodge rooms in the land. After the ceremony a few earnest words from each, or the answering of questions so eagerly asked by those true and faithful few, who honestly do the best they can, and who can do more.

All honor to the faithful working members of these small lodges, who amid homely surroundings, in the face of discouragements, poverty, and lack of opportunity, keep the altar fires burning, and, come what will, stand by their lodges.

Notwithstanding the protest of the Supreme Council of Guatemala, the Grand Lodge reaffirmed its recognition of Costa Rica. The request for recognition from Argentina was laid over till next year.

Resolutions were adopted looking to the establishment of a Masonic Home and Orphanage in the near future.

Bro. Silas B. Wright reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902. In his review of New York he says that we recommended the recognition of Belgium, in which he is in error. It was the other Robertson.

Lodges, 144; members, 4,905; increase, 282.

Thomas M. Puleston (Monticello), G. M.

Wilber P. Webster (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

116th Communication, Macon, Oct. 28, 1902.

Max Meyerhardt, G. M.

The Grand Master rejoices in their improved financial condition, the surplus now amounting to \$16,500. Their Masonic Home is about to become an accomplished fact, about \$11,000 being now available with which to commence operations. On visitations, he says:

During the past year I have made a number of official visits, but have been unable to respond to hundreds of invitations which I have received. This I regretted exceedingly, but to make all these visits would have required time and strength far beyond my ability. Still, I have been able to meet many hundreds of my brethren and to mingle with them in Masonic and social intercourse. In these visits I have been strongly impressed with two facts: First, that Masons constitute the very best element of their respective communities, and, second, that our institution is held in the highest esteem and veneration by the outside world. These facts are indeed gratifying, and, while it is true that now and then we meet one who is not worthy to wear the insignia of our Order, yet, on the whole, we should congratulate ourselves upon the high moral standard lived up to by Masons, due to the benign influence of the teachings of our institution. I have noted in all my visits an earnestness and enthusiasm that cannot fail to produce the best results. There is a laudable ambition among the lodges as to which can best work as well as best agree, and I think I am safe in saying that the work was never better done in the great majority of lodges than it is to-day.

Four new lodges were opened.

We must also copy a part of the conclusion of this excellent address:

The condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction is better than ever before. This is true morally, numerically and financial-

ly. In numbers, as already stated, we lead every southern State save Texas. It is indeed a proud position we occupy among our sister jurisdictions. This prominence brings with it equal responsibilities, which we cannot shirk, if we would. Brethren, let us each resolve to do our part well, that Masonry may be honored, humanity bettered, and God glorified.

Let not increasing numbers and material prosperity blind us to the fact that, while these are desirable, they do not constitute our claim to the respect of mankind. Masonry is a great moral institution. It is designed to make men better and holier. Its purpose is to aid us to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in morality.

To this end, therefore, let us not only walk uprightly before God and man, but let us purge our lodges of all unworthy material. Dunkennes among Masons must cease. It is the great, crying evil that demands immediate reform. One drunken Mason dishonors the Craft. Let us do our duty, fearlessly and faithfully. Let us purge our Lodges of the staggering, reeling, degraded, incorrigible drunkard. If the Master will not do his part, if the lodge will not purge itself, they are guilty of high treason against Masonry, and punishment, sure and speedy, should follow.

Immorality in every form must be banished from the lodge room. Our laws must be enforced. He who violates the law of God or the State must be cut out from the body of Masonry. See to it, my brethren, that Masonry means something in your community. Guard well the outer door. Let no unworthy man be admitted. If you are in doubt, give the lodge, give Masonry, the benefit of that doubt. The standard of Masonry must not be lowered. The institution of which we are so proud must not suffer from unworthy members. At all hazards and under all circumstances, let us purify our lodges, that they may, with God's blessing, become beacon lights for humanity.

The Grand Master was authorized to exchange representatives with three Grand Lodges in Mexico.

Their law was amended so as to allow lodges to subvert their lodge rooms to other secret orders.

The large number of expulsions, 41 during the year, indicates that the lodges are in earnest in purging their membership of immoral and unmasonic characters, although it is to be regretted that in their comparatively limited membership there should be so many occasions for disciplinary measures. More caution should have been observed in former years in the admission of candidates.

Bro. A. Q. Moody has a good report on Correspondence.

Lodges, 447; members, 21,138; increase, 294.

Max Meyerhardt (Rome), G. M.

W. A. Wolihin (Macon), G. S.

IDAHO.

35th Communication, Boise, Sept. 9, 1902.

David C. Chase, G. M.

The Grand Master visited most of the lodges and carefully looked over their records. Plenty of work is in hand and in prospect. Dispensations were issued for three new lodges.

The Interest Orphan Fund is steadily increasing, and it was decided that an amount of not less than \$50, and not more than \$100 be allowed to each indigent Mason or orphan, to be paid at the discretion of the Trustees of the Fund.

The Committee on Correspondence presented their first report. Geo. E. Knepper, chairman. Canada for 1901 receives a good notice. In his review of Wisconsin, Bro. Knepper has the following remarks on the resolution against the Cerneau degrees:

The position of this good brother may be entirely correct, but local conditions seemed to point to the adoption of the resolution above referred to. Let us look at the facts. A brother comes into the State of Idaho and announces that he has the genuine Scottish Rite doctrine, proceeding at once, for a small fee, to confer the degrees, from the Fourth to the Thirty-third, inclusive. He thus invades the territory belonging to the Southern jurisdiction and brings strife and contention into our State along these lines. Our Grand Lodge very wisely declares this new lodge to be clandestine, and here the matter rests.

The resolution has already accomplished what it was intended to accomplish. In thus protecting its members from imposition, the Grand Lodge fulfilled its mission. The Grand Lodge also prides itself upon the fact that in adopting this resolution it followed the lead of Massachusetts, which adopted the same resolution, with severer penalties attached, twenty years ago.

Lodges, 32; members, 1,532; increase, 122.

David F. Mason (Coeur d'Alene), G. M.

Theophilus W. Randall (Boise), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

63rd Communication, Chicago, Oct. 7, 1902.

George M. Moulton, G. M.

The address shows the Grand Master to be a man of more than ordinary ability. Eight new lodges were formed. With very few exceptions perfect harmony prevails. The District Deputies were zealous, capable, and

untiring in the discharge of their duties. On the publication of Masonic proceedings the Grand Master says:

Several times during the year I have taken occasion to admonish lodges of this jurisdiction against a growing practice of publishing or of sanctioning the publication of the proceedings of the lodge. So far as I can ascertain there has been no special legislation upon this subject, though a note of warning has occasionally been sounded. We have gone so far in our legislation as to require the notices to members of the business and other doings of the lodge under sealed cover, and to prohibit by public advertisement the nature of work to be done by a lodge, and it would seem that ordinary good sense and judgment of the proprieties would restrain any member, and especially an officer, from communicating to the public press a recital of the transactions of the lodge. The Ancient Charges instruct us "not to let your family, friends, and neighbors know the concerns of the lodge," which certainly is plain enough, and must be considered binding upon all the Fraternity. The incidents attending the recognized public ceremonials of the Fraternity may receive full recognition in public print. Being permitted to the public view, we should be willing and even desirous of having a correct and creditable account of the several features presented, but no transactions within the tiled precincts of the lodge room, where none but Masons are present, should ever reach the public through the medium of the secular press. Within proper bounds, and thus far I have witnessed no improper disclosure, I see no objection to a general account of some interesting communication being presented in publications devoted entirely to Masonic subjects and circulated exclusively among Masons, especially accounts of the pleasant festivities and literary exercises which come with the period of refreshment. Even in such papers I have felt it necessary to interdict the publication of the names of the candidates. The evil complained of has probably not reached such general prevalence as to warrant special legislation, but it is hoped that attention being again called to the subject will render further mention unnecessary.

On the right of the Tyler to vote, we quote the following very sensible remarks:

One of the approved decisions in force reads "The Tyler of a lodge has the right to vote." This is universally conceded, provided the Tyler is a member of the lodge, but there is quite a distinction between the possession of a right and the exercise of it. By many Worshipful Masters the decision referred to has been construed to make it mandatory, that the Tyler be called into the lodge, sometimes being relieved by another brother, at other times instructed to lock the outer door, and in other instances leaving the lodge untiled. I have ruled that the Tyler, by assuming an office, which literally places him outside the inner door, cannot be cognizant of the facts and discussion which would enable him to vote intelligently upon a proposition before the lodge, and that it is:

equally as unnecessary to interrupt the proceedings of the lodge to secure his vote, as it would be to send to the homes or elsewhere for any of the absent members of the lodge, who, like the Tyler, have the right to vote, but voluntarily refrain from exercising it by staying away. The Tyler may properly be counted as one of the seven members of a lodge necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but he need not of necessity vote, even when there are but six other brethren of the lodge present. If he desires for any particular reason to exercise his right to vote upon any question before the lodge, or participate in the ballot upon a petition, he should first be relieved from duty as Tyler and be present in the lodge during the consideration of the proposition to be voted upon. It is conceded that a brother serving as Tyler might be desirous of being accorded this privilege occasionally, but one whose interest in the business of a lodge is so acute as to require a special distinction of interrupting and delaying the procedure of a lodge in order to secure the expression of his views, is certainly too valuable a member to be relegated to the Tyler's station, and it would be evidence of the wisdom of the Worshipful Master to select some brother for that important post who would be content to faithfully discharge the duty without manifesting so much interest in what is transpiring within the lodge room. At no time should a lodge be transacting business or work unless the first great care of Masons when convened is attended to, in the manner provided by the response to the query: "How tyled? I would, therefore, recommend that the decision referred to be amended to read:

"The Tyler of a lodge, if a member thereof, has the right to vote therein, but the exercise of that right is neither compulsory nor necessary."

A farm of 264 acres, bequeathed to the Grand Lodge by a deceased brother, Robert A. Miller, is to be utilized for the purposes of a Masonic Home. The Grand Lodge voted \$25,000 to erect the first building. The increase of the per capita tax to 75 cts., of which 20 cts. goes to the Charity Fund, will produce a revenue of about \$12,000 annually.

The Grand Lodge increased the per capita to 90 cents, of which 35 cents goes to the Charity Fund.

Bro. Joseph Robbins presented another of his high-class reports on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1901 finds a place.

Lodges, 724; members, 63,034; increase, 3,367.

George M. Moulton (Chicago), G. M.

J. H. C. Dill (Bloomington), G. S.

INDIANA.

81st Communication, Indianapolis, May 27, 1902.

Orlando W. Brownback, G. M.

He reports eight new lodges.

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as pertains to clandestine Masons, would respectfully report that we most heartily concur in the sentiments expressed by our Grand Master concerning those who have sought to gain a knowledge of Masonry in other than the beaten path, and then to enjoy its benefits, rights and privileges in company with the faithful, tried and true brethren of the Ancient Craft. There is no more binding and important obligation resting on the individual Mason, or upon a Masonic lodge, than that there shall be no Masonic communication on their part with a clandestine Mason. In view of the fact that there are now a large number of clandestine lodges working in our neighboring jurisdiction of Ohio, and members of them are frequently applying to visit regularly constituted lodges in this and other Grand Jurisdictions, the greatest care should be exercised in the examination of visitors and in conversing with these interlopers, who lose no opportunity to attempt to establish a recognition as regular Masons. A list of clandestine lodges has been furnished all the lodges in Indiana, and it is the duty of this Grand Lodge to hold every constituent lodge accountable for admitting within its sacred precincts a visitor from one of these clandestine lodges, and it is the especial duty of the Grand Master to be diligent in seeing that this rule is enforced.

The ritual was exemplified before the Grand Lodge. A motion that it be adopted as the official ritual was not concurred in.

The following new Grand Lodges were recognized: Costa Rica, Cuba, Valle de Mexico, Western Australia and Porto Rico.

Grand representatives residing in Indiana who have failed or who shall hereafter fail to attend the annual communications of the Grand Lodge for three years forfeit their commissions.

By a majority of 123 the lodges voted against the proposition to build a Masonic Home.

In his review of Canada for 1901, Bro. Daniel McDonald has the following on our lodge at Jerusalem:

The whole scheme was the handiwork of Brother Robert Morris. He traveled over this and other States, delivering lectures and collecting money from the brethren, whatever they might see fit to give, to enable him to make the trip to Jerusalem to institute the Lodge. He secured the Charter from Canada, as stated, made the trip and instituted the lodge. He wrote the contributors of the fund to enable him to accomplish his designs before leaving Jerusalem, sending

them a small coin (the widow's mite—made to order, probably), a sprig of acacia, with a statement that the name of the subscriber had been engraved on one of the rocks near where the ruins of King Solomon's Temple was supposed to have been. The particular reason why we remember having received one of these letters was because we had to pay sixty cents extra postage! On his return home Brother Morris wrote a book detailing the organization of the lodge, giving a description of the country, scenes and incidents while abroad.

Lodges, 511; members, 35,107; increase, 1,503.

James W. Dunbar (New Albany), G. M.

Calvin W. Prather (Indianapolis), G. S.

82nd Communication, Indianapolis, May 26, 1903.

James W. Dunbar, G. M.

The past year has been one of unusual prosperity, and the material accepted has been from the best citizenship of the State.

The death is recorded of their former Grand Secretary, William H. Smythe, who was in office for 22 years.

Eight new lodges were constituted during the year.

The inspection of lodges was deferred for one year, for the following reasons:

That new rules and regulations and code of procedure and Masonic forms have been adopted, and it will be necessary that these shall be printed and forwarded to the several subordinate lodges before the officers and brethren can become familiar with them. This, in our estimation, it will take several months to do.

And the further reason that it is necessary for a satisfactory and profitable inspection that the business affairs of the lodge, as well as the ritualistic work, be examined. To do this the lodges and officers should have sufficient time to familiarize themselves with the work required and the scope of the inspection.

Bro. Simeon S. Johnson reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings for 1902.

Lodges, 518; members, 37,318; increase, 2,211.

William E. English (Indianapolis), G. M.

Calvin W. Prather (Indianapolis), G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

29th Communication, South McAlester, Aug. 14, 1902.

Henry M. Furman, G. M.

The Grand Master visited 27 lodges and issued dispensations for seven new lodges. On the duties and respon-

sibilities of the officers of lodges, Bro. Burman gives the following excellent advice:

There are three things which officers of lodges should feel themselves honor bound to do, viz.:

First: They should be in their places promptly, and see that their lodges are open on time;

Secondly: They should learn and do their work to the very best of their ability;

Thirdly: They should be watchful and zealous as to the reputation of their lodges, and should not hesitate to enforce discipline against wilful offenders.

An office in a Masonic lodge is a post of honor, of responsibility and of labor. That officer who fails to do the labor or shirks the responsibility is unworthy of the honor of the position which he occupies. No brother has a moral right to occupy a station, and then, by the neglect of the duties which it imposes, greatly inconvenience the members of his Lodge, and thereby injure Freemasonry.

It is an exceedingly reprehensible practice for Masters to be indifferent about opening their lodges at the appointed time. If the brethren want to talk and have a social time, let it be done after and not before lodge meeting. Then those who want to go home can do so, and no injury is done. I know from personal experience that it decreases attendance upon lodge meetings for officers to be late or irregular in opening the lodge. If you want the interest of the brethren to increase, be sure to be on hand and in your station, not about but upon the exact minute of the time for opening the lodge. Pursue this course and you will be surprised at the increase in lodge attendance and interest. Open your lodge on time, and then do your work to the best of your ability. But remember that you cannot do the work without first learning it. If you do not study hard to learn the work, you alone will be responsible for your own mortification, as well as the disappointment and disgust of the brethren, at your miserable failure to do the work of your station in a creditable manner. How can you expect to make good Masons by doing poor work? By carelessness or ignorance on the part of officers, bad impressions are made on the minds of candidates, which are hard to efface afterwards. On the contrary, what can be more interesting, instructive and inspiring than our beautiful work when properly done? Brethren, I appeal to you to appreciate the importance and the dignity of the stations to which you have been elevated, and by your prompt attendance upon lodge meetings, and the efficient discharge of the duties and work of your respective stations, prove that you are worthy of the honor which your brethren have conferred upon you. What think you, is it honest to accept the honor and then not do the work? to take the pay and then refuse to deliver the goods? Answer these questions by your conduct in the future.

The Grand Lodge devoted 25 per cent. of the gross receipts of the Grand Lodge to the Orphans' Home Fund.

which now amounts to over \$10,000. The work is not to be commenced until they have \$50,000.

The Grand Lecturer held 22 Lodges of Instruction, which were well attended.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Eugene Hamilton, and reviews our proceedings of 1901.

Lodges, 106; members, 4,549; increase, 373.

Royal J. Allen (Duncan), G. M.

Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

59th Communication, Dubuque, June 3, 1902.

Lewis J. Baker, G. M.

He reports five new lodges. On the question of rotation in office in lodges, Bro. Baker is outspoken:

Rotation in office, we fear, is becoming entirely too common in some of the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction for the best interest of Masonry. No one will question that a worthy brother is better qualified by being advanced through the various offices to preside over a lodge because of the experience and training. But where rotation in office is the rule, qualification or fitness are not always considered, and the lodge almost invariably suffers thereby. Men who are incompetent and unfit are thus too often, we fear, placed in the highest position in the gift of the lodge, which soon grows lukewarm, if not chilly. The best, most capable and enthusiastic brethren should be selected for the positions, so that the spirit of Masonry may predominate and brotherly love prevail.

The death of their venerable Grand Secretary, Bro. T. S. Parvin, which occurred June 28, 1901, was the occasion of profound grief throughout the jurisdiction. Bro. Parvin had been Grand Secretary for more than 56 years, and to his indomitable energy and ability Iowa owes its magnificent Masonic library. Of his character and services it is well said:

To every member of the Mystic Craft in Iowa, and indeed to many, very many, beyond its domain, the death of Father Parvin came as a real and personal bereavement. He was intimately identified with the growth and advancement of Masonry in the "Beautiful Land," being a charter member of the first lodge organized in the territory, a delegate to the convention that organized this Grand Lodge, and its Grand Secretary during all of its years, save the one which he served as Grand Master. And as we turn through volume after volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge we see marked evidences of the strength of his character, the acuteness, breadth, fertility, and resourcefulness of his intellect, the

grace and beauty of his diction, the forcefulness of his logic, and of his intense belief in the brotherhood of man. His capacity for arduous, continued, and varied labor was truly marvelous. He was generous, loyal, and warm-hearted, and discharged every trust with faithfulness and purity of purpose. His more than three-score years as a resident in what is now known as the State of Iowa was filled with active civic, educational and fraternal duties.

The attendance at the Schools of Instruction has not been as good as it should. In some instances it ran up to 75, but the average was far below that. Perfect uniformity is yet far off, but a vast improvement has been made, especially in late years.

Costa Rica was recognized.

On the invitation of the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina to attend an International Masonic Congress, the following is the best deliverance we have seen:

At first blush the proposal set forth in this circular would appear laudable, and well within the range of possible consummation. But a further investigation places the plan in the long list of Eutopian theories, impossible of realization. There is no power in civilization sufficiently strong to blend the races, except where, as in our own country, they are disintegrated, fused by contact, and a new form evolved. Masonry is a human institution, and as such reflects the strength or weakness, the wisdom or the folly of its constituency. Among the Latin races it becomes either the hotbed of intrigue or the resort of dreamers. With the Teutonic peoples Masonry loses perhaps in the mystical, but gains in the practical. The English-speaking Grand Lodges of the world are prosperous, because conservative, and in good repute, because eschewing the debatable questions which lie without their province.

A fundamental difference thus existing, any attempt to unite these Grand Lodges in administrative faculty would but be productive of dissension, which might bring the entire fraternity into disrepute. We would credit the Grand Lodge of Switzerland with the loftiest motives, and are not inclined, like others of our brethren, to attribute the proposal altogether to the influence and intention of the Grand Orient of France. But, however this may be, the question or origin does not enter into the present discussion.

We conclude, therefore, that the plan is chimerical and the object sought unattainable; that such congress would, of necessity, be dominated by the most radical and unstable elements of European Freemasonry; that a central bureau, as contemplated, might easily be a focus of intrigue, and would become an object of suspicion to the continental governments. We believe, further, that the true interests of American Masonry are best served by each Grand Lodge doing its utmost for good within its own limits, there being no jealousy or discord where all are equal, without interference or clash of interests.

Your committee would recommend that the Grand Lodge of Iowa acknowledge receipt of the invitation, but declare it inexpedient and unwise to take any part in such proposed International Congress.

The card system of registration was adopted for the office of the Grand Secretary, and the sum of \$2,000 was appropriated for the equipment.

In his review of Florida, Bro. Joseph E. Morcombe has the following remarks on the orations delivered before some Grand Lodges:

In the opinion of this reviewer the greater number of these orations, delivered before the various Grand Lodges, fail in the very purpose for which they were intended. The trite commonplaces, however happily or eloquently worded, convey no information to the Craft. To take up some subject of Masonic symbolism, or some little known period of history, and to elaborate thereon, would be of real and permanent value. The average Mason is woefully ignorant on these subjects. The information in most cases is unavailable, and his ignorance is therefore excusable. But the Grand Orator might, and in some few notable instances does, supply this lack of general knowledge by taking up that which is of value and real importance. Here in Iowa the Grand Orator is an occasional honor, given once in a decade to some brother conversant with the period, who prepares and delivers an address which reviews the ten years of labor and of growth. Thus the old members have their memories refreshed and younger Masons are given necessary knowledge and inspired for the work they must take up.

Canada for 1901 receives a good notice.

Lodges, 500; members, 31,693; increase, 1,165.

William S. Gardner (Clinton), G. M.

Newton R. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

IRELAND.

The annual report of this Grand Lodge for 1902 contains mainly the address of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master, Sir James Creed Meredith. He treats of seven subjects: Matters of imperial interest; the honored dead; Freemasonry abroad; provincial and colonial lodges; Masonic duties; matters of domestic interest, and Grand Lodge officers.

In their Masonic duties is included the care of three charitable institutions, the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Victoria Jubilee Fund. We quote as follows:

Under the will of our Brother Colonel John Craig Laurie, a very curious state of things has arisen. Our Bro. Laurie left £4,000 debenture stock of the London and Northeastern Rail-

way Company to the Masonic Schools of Ireland. When our brother died it was found that he had no debenture stock in the London and Northeastern Railway Company. He had £1,500 debenture stock in the London and Northwestern Railway Company. It was admitted on all hands that "Eastern" had been written by the mistake of the solicitor's clerk who was engrossing the will for "Western," and that what the testator meant to bequeath was his London and Northwestern debenture stock. The residuary legatee of Colonel Laurie is our Bro. Colonel Robert Hugh Wallace, C. B., a noble-hearted Mason, and his course of action in the matter is one that we Masons ought never to forget. He said, in the first place, the mistake between Eastern and Western is of no account, it is perfectly plain the word ought to have been Western. He said, furthermore, that though the testator had only £1,500 debenture stock of the London and Northwestern Railway; what he said in his will was, he left his £4,000 of that stock to the Masonic Schools, and, accordingly, our Bro. Colonel Robert Hugh Wallace has made good the difference between £1,500 and £4,000, and has transferred to the trustees of our Masonic schools £4,000 debenture stock of the London and Northwestern Railway. (Applause.)

Six new warrants were issued during the year. They have 428 lodges. The membership is not given.

The Duke of Abercorn, G. M.

Henry E. Flavelle (Dublin), Deputy Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

47th Communication, Wichita, Feb. 18, 1903.

Thomas L. Dewey, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is a very able presentation of his official actions and other matters of interest to the Craft. On their growth he says:

The report of the Grand Secretary will show to you that during the past year the growth of our beloved fraternity in Kansas exceeded that of any previous year in its history, and the fact justifies much honest pride and sincere self-congratulation. The test of genuine strength and worth in Masonry, as in every field of life, is growth. Without it, every lodge ceases to be a force in the community and a helpful consolation to its members. Only by the manner of our growing do we get the benefits that come from the ceremonies and lectures of the degrees, and these benefits are to the candidate least of all. They are to the craftsmen, working and looking and listening, and the lessons, by their very repetition and constant importunity, will win the hearts of men, for we cannot help growing like unto that which we most esteem. One of the late Grand Masters of Colorado ordered the lectures to be delivered in every lodge which had done no work for a certain number of months.

There are worthy members of our Order who honestly believe that Masonry is for the few and that a lack of growth

is no disparagement. Surely we have outgrown that idea. Masonry is for all good men, properly qualified, and we must not forget, in our consideration of a candidate for the mysteries, to estimate the probable benefit of Masonry to him, as well as the benefit that he may be to Masonry. Where only the latter consideration is kept in mind, Masonry has no mission, and will be a failure, as is every man or body of men without a mission.

Three new lodges were opened, and three Schools of Instruction were held during the year. Bro. Dewey visited in a formal way more than 40 gatherings of Masons and addressed them on the fundamental principles of the Order.

The Grand Lodge was entertained by a masterly oration, delivered by the Grand Orator, Rev. Francis S. Blayney. His theme was "The More Noble and Glorious Use."

Their Masonic Home has 47 inmates. The general expenses for the year are given as \$6,707.41.

On the protest of the Supreme Council of Central America against the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, the following deliverance was adopted:

Considering the question, however, solely upon the charges and representations of the Supreme Council, we do not believe the conclusions of that body are tenable. Assuming that the Supreme Council had the right under its laws to have declared the lodges which organized the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica as in disobedience, and to have suspended their charters, yet the fact remains that they had not done so at the time of the organization of the new Grand Lodge, and after such organization was effected it was certainly too late to attempt any such discipline.

The organization of a new Grand Lodge in unoccupied provincial territory by the several lodges holding charters therein under another Masonic Grand Body, savors somewhat of an act of rebellion toward the parent Body, but very wisely does the old Grand Lodge usually most generously waive and ignore that point. It will be well for the Masonic harmony in Central America if the Supreme Council so treats this case.

The claim of the Supreme Council of Central America to exclusive Masonic control over Costa Rica, and of its right to dictate the method and manner of organization of a Grand Lodge therein will hardly be granted by the Masonic world. In our opinion, neither the consent of the Supreme Council of Central America to, or its endorsement of the act of, organization of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica is necessary, and any declaration of irregularity at this time would be equally immaterial.

We see no reason to change or modify our report made to Grand Lodge one year ago upon this question, and we would therefore recommend that the Supreme Council of Central

America be courteously informed of our position. The chairman of your committee has recently advised your M. W. Grand Master of this determination of opinion, and we believe the contemplated interchange of Grand Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica is proceeding.

The following standing regulations were adopted:

This Grand Lodge, by its approval of the decision of its Grand Masters and the adoption of standing regulations relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, gives no uncertain sound on the subject, and hereby reaffirms its previous declarations, and declares that the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or the aiding and abetting the sale of the same, directly or indirectly, by the renting of buildings, or furnishing means for the conduct of such business, with or without license, shall be deemed an offense against the Body of Masonry, and all persons violating this regulation are ineligible to receive the degrees of Freemasonry or to membership in any lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction.

Standing Regulation No. 21.

The sale, gift, printing or use of the so-called cipher rituals, or secret work, shall be deemed a violation of Article IV, Section 7, of the Constitution, and an offense against the Body of Masonry.

Standing Regulation No. 22.

A certificate of dimission must be issued to any member applying therefor: (1) who is not at the time holding an elective office in the lodge; (2) against whom no charges are pending; and (3) who is not under any pecuniary liabilities to his lodge. And no lodge has any right to refuse or neglect to issue such certificate unless one of the three above enumerated reasons for refusal exist; provided, if any brother should give notice, action may be deferred, not exceeding thirty days, to allow full opportunity for filing charges.

This volume is embellished with fine portraits of several Past Grand Masters, with a short biographical sketch of each.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. William M. Shaver, and includes Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 364; members, 23,567; increase, 1,179.

Bestor G. Brown (Topeka), G. M.

Albert K. Wilson (Topeka), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

102nd Communication, Louisville, Oct. 21, 1902.

Harry Bailey, G. M.

The growth has been phenomenal and harmony prevails. Seven new lodges were formed.

In the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which

was adopted by the Grand Lodge, we find the following on public appearances. This resolution has our approval, except as regards public installations:

In regard to allowing lodges to appear in public for the purpose of attending a "Masonic picnic" in a body, we are not disposed to question the prerogative of a Grand Master to grant such dispensations. Without determining that question we would suggest that these are not proper occasions upon which masonic lodges should appear in public. The burial of the dead, the festivals of the Saints John, the laying of corner-stones, and dedication of halls, are fit occasions when Masonry may, in its work, show to the world something of its inner life. Custom has made the public installation of officers a correct Masonic ceremony; although how a Master can be "publicly" installed while the Past Master's degree is part of the installation ceremonies we can not understand. But a "Masonic picnic" is a festival unknown to the Order. A lodge attending it "in a body" must be a lodge "at work." In the other instances cited by us the lodge is performing some Masonic duty. At a picnic it is not.

We, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge disapprove the granting of dispensations for subordinate lodges to appear in public for other than Masonic purposes, and that those purposes are:

To bury the dead.

To lay corner-stones.

To dedicate halls.

To publicly install officers.

To celebrate the days of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist by proper ceremonies.

The Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville, and the Widows' and Orphans' Home at Louisville are two noble institutions of which our Kentucky brethren are justly proud. They were both inspected by Grand Lodge committees and found in commendable condition. The descriptions contained in the reports diffuse a thrill of joy in every charitable heart.

Bro. James W. Staton reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1901.

Lodges, 475; members, 21,819; increase, 1,192.

John W. Landrum (Mayfield), G. M.

H. B. Grant (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

91st Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 2, 1903.

Robert R. Reid, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

Under this head, permit me again to refer to the successful

year for the Craft in this State through which we have just passed.

The reports from constituent Lodges show a most gratifying increase in membership, amounting to a total gain of 997 members, and a net gain of 560.

During the year eight dispensations for new lodges have been issued, the largest number of any year in the history of the Grand Lodge. Besides these eight issued, a petition for another was received in January and referred by me to your Body, as the period of its existence would be so short.

There has been during the year no disturbance of the harmony of the Craft but such slight differences as were readily adjusted without requiring any mention in this address.

The absence of appeals is a strong indication of the peaceful fraternal spirit prevailing. The building of several new and larger lodge halls and contemplated building of others by such lodges as St. James No. 47 go to show an awakening of zeal and renewal of interest in the members of the lodges.

The condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction is highly gratifying. May it so continue.

The Grand Lecturer visited 63 lodges and instructed them in the ritual and symbolism of Ancient Craft Masonry. He reports a general advance all along the line.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Work be authorized and instructed, in connection with the Grand Lecturer, to continue its sessions and formulate a uniform system of the unwritten work of the Craft for this jurisdiction; be it further

Resolved, That as soon as they shall have completed their labors they shall report the same to the M. W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden, who may adopt same if they deem proper, and if adopted by them the same shall be recognized as the unwritten work of this Grand Lodge, and all lodges and the officers thereof, of this State, shall receive the same from the constituted authorities and officials selected to disseminate it and shall conform thereto.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan again reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 153; members, 6,964; increase, 560.

Robert R. Reid (Amite City), G. M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

83rd Communication, Portland, May 6, 1902.

Alfred S. Kimball, G. M.

In the address we find some beautiful thoughts:

The chief emphasis of words and deeds is in the heart of the speaker and doer, and if we would have our influence as an

organization continue pure and strong, these attributes must be demonstrated in the character; we should be asserters and defenders of humane and elevating principles, that all champions of liberty and truth, all lovers of right and justice, may draw inspiration from our teachings and moral strength from our example and steadfastness. We can look back through a calendar of hoary centuries, crowded with events rich with the stirring lessons of the times, but we should also look ahead and aspire to do something for this grand old fraternity upon which our posterity may reflect and make an ideal higher than any reached heretofore, and at every stage of progress renew our devotion to the guiding principles upon which the superstructure of Freemasonry rests. Nothing but truth and light can long endure, and it should be a part of our work to deepen in the hearts of our membership the sacredness of Masonic teachings. The times are auspicious; prejudice has been dissipated in the light of education and advanced civilization; intelligence increases the power of doing good; and obedience to the commands to be moral, industrious, respectful to the civil authorities, loyal to God and country, just to our fellow men and charitable to all, are traits sufficiently distinguishing in their character to mark their possessors as worthy of such consideration and respect as disarms opposition, inspires confidence, and makes effective efforts founded on convictions which shall ultimately gather around their banner, whether within or without the fold, the authors of these great movements which from time to time excite all that is noblest and best in man's nature in his attempts to elevate the standard of humanity and promote the general welfare of mankind, conditions which cannot fail to bring to us numbers, character, strength and additional respect, as the white gold of pure lives is reflected in the conduct of the happy possessors.

The reports of the District Deputies show a prompt and enthusiastic performance of their duties and present many interesting facts regarding the Masonic situation throughout the jurisdiction. Much of the harmony and prosperity exhibited during the year is attributed to their conscientious work.

The Grand Lecturer reports that the work of the lodges was never so accurate and uniform as it is at the present time.

We copy the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the report of the Grand Secretary, have considered his recommendation in relation to the issue of a certificate to a lodge to be used in place of its charter, and ask leave to report:

That it is certain that the old charters by continued use will be utterly destroyed, and these valued historic documents be lost; and your committee are fully in accord with the feelings of brethren that some course shall be taken to prevent such a loss.

That the method of issuing a copy properly endorsed involves the endorsing of the original in such a manner as to annul it as a charter—a proceeding causing a result nearly as objectionable as the destruction of the charter.

And your committee see no legal objection to the issuing of a certificate as a warrant in the ordinary working of a lodge.

Your committee recommend that certificates in the form submitted (see page 42, Grand Secretary's report), signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, be issued, but only by special vote of the Grand Lodge in each case, and subject to the following regulations:

1. That the charter shall be kept or deposited in such manner that the W. Master, upon reasonable notice, can have access thereto and take the same into his possession at his discretion.

2. It shall be the duty of the Master to have the charter present in the lodge at the time of the installation of the Master, into whose custody the same shall be delivered, to be kept or deposited by him as hereinbefore provided.

3. That upon the visitation of the lodge by the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master, or any special representative of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, the charter shall be produced, provided that notice to that effect shall have been seasonably given.

4. That the life of the certificate shall depend upon and be co-existent with the life of the charter in all respects, the authority of the certificate proceeding from the charter, for which it is merely a physical substitute and evidence that the lodge has, and works under, a regular charter.

5. That the fee of the Grand Secretary for issuing the certificate shall be two dollars, to be paid by the petitioners.

Also the report on International Masonry:

That while a convocation composed of actual members of all the Grand Lodges in the world would probably be of great interest and advantage, experience shows that such a convocation is utterly impracticable; and the result of all attempts to promote the interests of Freemasonry has been an utter failure, at least so far as it affects the masons of this country.

There is no reason for believing that, in this instance the Grand Lodges of the United States would be represented by their own members to a larger extent than heretofore; indeed, so far as your committee have observed, every Grand Lodge in this country which has acted upon the matter has declined to participate.

Bro. J. H. Drummond submitted an exhaustive report on the question of the recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium, which concludes as follows:

If a Grand Body holds Masonic correspondence with the Grand Orient of France and admits the members of its obedience as visitors, any Mason visiting any of the bodies of the obedience of such a Grand Body is, of course, liable to sit with

and thereby recognize visitors from the Grand Orient of France, which we cannot allow the Craft in Maine to do.

If, therefore, the Grand Orient of Belgium shall persist in holding Masonic correspondence with the Grand Orient of France, we cannot safely allow the members of our obedience to visit Belgium lodges, and greatly as it would be regretted, Masonic correspondence would have to be forbidden.

Your committee recommend, therefore, that a fraternal communication be made to the Grand Orient of Belgium, setting forth the views of this Grand Lodge in relation to the Grand Orient of France, fraternally informing our Belgium brethren that we cannot consistently hold Masonic communication with any body of Masons that holds such correspondence with the Grand Orient of France, and invoking such action on its part as will enable us to maintain Masonic correspondence with it and admit the Masons of its obedience to our lodges as visitors.

In his review of Canada for 1901 Bro. Drummond says:

The reports of the Deputy Grand Masters are printed in full, though they take over two hundred pages of the volume. They deserve the tribute paid by the Grand Master. Some of them are very concise, while others are more diffuse, but they are all well written, and it would be useless to expect that all can condense them into comparatively brief space, and yet say all that is necessary and proper to be said. It is better to have a long report from the District Deputies who faithfully perform their work, and give a faithful description of the condition of the lodges, than to have brief reports that fail in these respects, even though the long ones might have been condensed.

There is only one trouble that we see in connection with them. The lodges are expected to pay the expenses of these officers, and they are sometimes placed in the awkward position of having to ask for them or not receive them. One of them says, and justly says:

"But knowing that there are many good Masons who would do honor to the position, but unfortunately are unable to spend the time and bear the expense attached to the office, I felt it my duty to bear whatever criticisms I might incur in this matter."

Our opinion, based upon an observation of some forty years or more, is that in order that this officer shall be best situated to perform his duties, his expenses should be paid by the Grand Lodge, and that they shall not be in the hands of the lodge for any purpose.

Lodges, 198; members, 23,224; increase, 534.

Alfred S. Kimball (Norway), G. M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

A prince in Israel has fallen. One of the master-minds of the Fraternity is no more. On the 25th October last

Bro. Josiah H. Drummond fell dead on the street in Portland. His call was very sudden, but he was not unprepared. His long and active Masonic life, his great ability and thorough devotion to the Craft, and his consummate gifts as a writer and speaker, have made him probably the most prominent figure in Masonry on this continent. He was born in 1827, and was a member of the Craft for more than 53 years. He held the chief office in all the Masonic bodies, and was Chairman of Correspondence of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Maine for a long time. He was Grand Master in 1860, 1861 and 1862. We extend to our brethren in Maine our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

MANITOBA.

27th Communication, Calgary, June 11, 1902.

R. S. Thornton, G. M.

The Grand Master mentions the untimely decease of Past Grand Master Rev. Dean O'Meara, whose devotion to the Craft and his many good qualities had endeared him to all his brethren.

The year was one of steady and quiet progress. Two Lodges of Instruction were held. A novel meeting was held in August on the top of Tunnel Mountain at Banff, which is thus partially described:

This meeting was not only instructive and full of significance on account of its location and environment, but was the means of bringing together brethren throughout the district who would never otherwise have met. Everyone present had an opportunity of seeing work done by sister lodges and of comparing at their best the two rites worked under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The strange surroundings, the beauty and sublimity of the spot, and the impressiveness of the ceremonies were well calculated to make a lasting impression not only on the minds of those who took the degree, but upon those who were present to witness the scene. In a lodge room made by the Hand of God, and actually above the clouds, which could be seen touching the mountain side below, in the midst of brethren, some of whom had come many hundreds of miles to be present, it would be strange indeed if all were not most deeply affected and aroused to a sense of the majesty and solemnity of the occasion.

They have a lodge at Dawson City, and another is being formed at White Horse in the Yukon Territory.

Recognition was extended to Costa Rica and Egypt.

Lodges, 73; members, 3,486; increase, 248.

R. Hill Myers (Minnedosa), G. M.
James A. Ovas (Winnipeg), G. S.

MARYLAND.

116th Communication, Baltimore, Nov. 18, 1902.

Thomas J. Shryock, G. M.

The past year has been uneventful except for the fact of the large number of candidates. Harmony prevails, and their financial condition is satisfactory.

The Grand Inspectors found the lodges in Baltimore in good shape.

In the report on the address of the Grand Master we find the following:

The regret expressed by the Grand Master at the absence of the Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence, Bro. E. T. Schultz, is shared by your committee, and, with him, we rejoice that it was occasioned by neither sickness or sorrow, Bro. Schultz being detained from attendance here by the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage. The Grand Master's action in sending him a memento of this joyous occasion is cordially approved, and his recommendation that a resolution of congratulation be passed by this Grand Lodge meets with our heartiest concurrence, and we suggest the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland tenders to our esteemed Bro. Schultz its sincere congratulations on the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage, with the sincere hope that many years will be added to his useful and valuable life in the society of his devoted wife and family.

In his review of Grand Bodies, Bro. E. T. Schultz has a notice of Canada for 1901. He still clings to the modern delusion that a Grand Lodge cannot "call off" for anything but refreshment.

Lodges, 106; members, 9,122; increase, 844.

Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G. M.

Jacob H. Medairy (Baltimore), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Quarterly Communication, June 11, 1902.

The new Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized.

Quarterly Communication, September 10, 1902.

Two members were expelled for assisting a spurious lodge.

Quarterly Communication, Boston, Dec. 10, 1902.

Charles T. Gallagher, G. M.

In the address of the Grand Master we find the following:

To review the work of the three years would be but to epitomize what has already appeared in the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge. I will, however, refer to one matter that is of serious interest to us all. The gathering of men calling themselves Masons, during the past summer at Castle Square Hall, while they in no way menace us or our Institution, is of such a grossly un-Masonic nature that a word should be said of the matter. Without the slightest pretence of examination as to character, they have joined with them apparently any person who can procure the requisite amount to pay for the so-called initiation. Of the leaders, three at least had been rejected as applicants in regular lodges, and these, with I know not how many more, bear reputations in their respective business and home communities far below our standard of men and Masons. These leaders, and others of those whom they have taken in, have proselyted and solicited for candidates anywhere, even in resorts where men gather to idle and loaf, receiving from each candidate the sum of fifteen dollars or less, five dollars of which goes in each case to the broker who has found the candidate. Thus has been established an industry that has continued and may last for a while, but is of course doomed to certain disintegration. They have pretended to get together two bodies by dividing the first one, and we understand have pretended to call some one Grand Master, at least the self-styled Grand Master of the spurious Grand Lodge in Ohio, so writes to an alleged Masonic publication. The report of our investigating committee and the action of the Grand Lodge as to the matter appear in our printed Proceedings, and I should not refer to it except to warn you against the disgraceful nature and character of the proceedings, and to urge on you all untiring diligence and vigilance in admitting visitors to your lodges. Brethren should be extremely cautious in avouching for those whom they casually meet in lodges, and especial care should be exercised by examining committees as to travelling cards and otherwise when brethren present themselves for visiting.

I have dwelt on this matter at some length for another reason: the State of Ohio had a few years ago the same unfortunate Cerneau difference that has troubled us during the past year. The matter was taken to the civil courts there and the Grand Lodge was sustained, the demands for recognition being refused to the Cerneau people. Without going into details, it is sufficient to state that a clandestine, unrecognized Grand Lodge, so called, was formed by those disappointed in their attempt to disobey the Constitutions of their Grand Lodge. This irregular Grand Lodge got out a civil charter from the State of Ohio, as any three or four men can do for any fraternal purpose; and although limited to the State of Ohio in their un-Masonic work, they have the audacity to issue their spurious authority to unprincipled men in Boston under our jurisdiction. I mention these details only as an object lesson of what is and must be the inevitable result of a divided responsibility, and disobedience of the highest law of any organization, and what dissensions might have arisen here had not our Grand Lodge acted as it did. The action of our Grand Lodge in unanimously sustaining its own Constitu-

tion and Regulations can thus be regarded as having sustained the wisdom and good judgment of the framers of our legislation of twenty years ago. United and prosperous in our good old Commonwealth, let us stand closer together to discountenance all imposters and such as are not genuine brethren.

Lodges, 231; members, 43,415; increase, 1,322.

Baalis Sanford (Brockton), G. M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

59th Communication, Detroit, Jan. 27, 1903.

Neal McMillan, G. M.

The Grand Master reports three new lodges. He has high praise for the management of their Masonic Home, where "unfortunate brothers and widows of deceased Masons are being lovingly and tenderly cared for." On their visit to the Grand Lodge of Canada he says:

On Tuesday, July 15, the Grand Lodge of Michigan entertained the Grand Lodge of Canada with a boat ride up the Detroit river, through Lake St. Clair and up the St. Clair river. A delightful afternoon and evening was spent with our Canadian brothers, and much credit is due Past Grand Master Frank O. Gilbert and Worshipful Brothers M. Clayton Green and James F. McGregor, the committee, for complete success of the entertainment, who will make a full report to you of their work during this session of the Grand Lodge.

The day following, July 16, the Grand Lodge of Michigan visited the Grand Lodge of Canada, who were holding their annual session at Windsor, Ont. We were royally received and entertained. Upon our admission to the Grand Lodge of Canada we were greeted with, to every loyal citizen of this country, the soul-stirring music of "The Star Spangled Banner," and we also found the Stars and Stripes equally prominent with the Union Jack in the decoration of the lodge room.

Speeches of welcome were made by Most Worshipful Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, and officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which made us feel as though we were at home and among brothers, and were responded to by Worshipful Bro. William C. Maybury, Past Grand Master McGrath and others.

I wish all the Grand Lodge officers and members of this Grand Lodge could have been with us. It was a great Masonic treat, and made us more fully realize that Masonry is universal.

We also extract his remarks on the work of the Grand Lecturer:

It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit, with Right Worshipful Bro. Lou B. Winsor, Grand Lecturer, country lodges never before honored with a visit from a Grand Lec-

turer or any other Grand Lodge officer, and I was surprised at the receptions tendered and the preparations made in their work to merit the approval of the Grand Lecturer.

Always at these schools you will find several lodges represented, and it creates a friendly spirit of rivalry which must necessarily improve their work and increase their interest in Masonry.

I cannot speak in too high terms of the grand work he is doing and the course he pursues in conducting these schools. he not only lectures them on the esoteric work of the degrees but upon all points which have a tendency to increase interest and make work impressive. Also upon the necessity of familiarizing themselves with the Blue Book and Masonic law, which if adhered to will relieve the Grand Master from having so much of his time taken up with answering questions which are already answered in the Blue Book.

As to the present system it is only in its infancy and doing such excellent work, I would recommend the continuance of the present method.

The Home farm produced a net revenue of \$380.00. The average weekly per capita cost of maintenance was \$3.23, being 36 cents more than in the previous year, the increase being attributable to the increased cost of supplies and the greater cost of lighting and operating an elevator. They have 49 beneficiaries, 41 male and 8 female. The average age of the men is 72, and the women 74.

Western Australia was recognized. The question of the recognition of a Grand Lodge in Mexico was again held over for further information.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1902 receives fraternal mention.

Lodges, 391; members, 47,638; increase, 2,343.

Roscoe W. Broughton (Paw Paw), G. M.

Jefferson S. Conover (Coldwater), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

50th Communication, St. Paul, Feb. 24, 1903.

Ambrose D. Countryman, G. M.

This being the Golden Jubilee of the Grand Lodge, the hall was very handsomely decorated. On the sides of the Arch in the East appeared the names of the founders of the Grand Lodge, and on the front of the galleries were shields bearing the names of all Past Grand Masters. The exercises were imposing and interesting, and this memorial volume contains fine portraits and biographical sketches of the founders and all Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Master reports eleven new lodges. He travelled 11,200 miles in making 85 official visits. At

Austin six brothers named Aultfather were raised. Out of the 34 District Deputies 24 made reports.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Custodians 130 were present, representing 94 lodges.

The Masonic Home Committee submitted a valuable report, but the lodges do not seem to be very enthusiastic on the subject, and the matter was postponed for another year. One clause of the report reads as follows:

It would be folly to enter upon so great and important a subject as even the discussion of the necessity and practicability of establishing a Masonic Home without knowing officially what the general judgment of the brethren throughout the jurisdiction is. Your committee know that there is a much larger sentiment for a "Home" than the appearance of the few brethren before us seem to indicate. But it is not a well digested sentiment, and not yet buttressed with a practical showing of specific needs in or plans for maintenance.

Bro. Irving Todd reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 239; members, 18,542; increase, 1,014.

Henry R. Adams (Minneapolis), G. M.

Thomas Montgomery (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

84th Communication, Winona, Feb. 27, 1902.

Oliver L. McKay, G. M.

The Grand Master delivered a very complete and able address, from which we make the following extract:

I have reports from all of the District Deputies, which go to show that, while they have endeavored to extend their usefulness to the Craft in their respective districts, yet on account of the seeming indifference of those who were able to pay the Deputies' expenses and would not, and others who were anxious beyond measure to have the Deputies visit them, but, owing to a depleted treasury and a poor membership, could not, their efforts in that direction have not been of much avail and their visitations confined to a very few lodges. In my opinion, there are no more patriotic or zealous Masons in the jurisdiction than the Grand Lecturer and those composing the Board of District Deputies; but Masonic zeal will not pay hotel bills or railroad expenses. There are a great many lodges in the State languishing for the want of some one to visit them, but who are not able to bear expenses of same, and it remains for you to say whether or not the Grand Lodge shall heed the "Macedonian cry" from the brethren of said lodges in remote and outlying districts and provide the means for the Grand Lecturer, whose life and services are consecrated to the good of the Fraternity, which will enable him to visit said lodges and renew the fires of Masonic

zeal on the altars of Freemasonry or let them die from neglect.

The Grand Lecturer reports the Craft in a prosperous condition.

A permanent location for the Grand Lodge was negatived.

Recognition was extended to Cuba, Costa Rica and Porto Rico.

An assessment of 25 cents per member was ordered for the benefit of the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, also two cents for the Charity Fund and eight cents for the Relief Fund.

On the Masonic Home the following report was adopted:

1st. That we deem it inexpedient at the present time to begin the building of the Masonic Home, for the reason that after expending the money for the grounds and buildings, the income from the balance of the fund will not be sufficient to pay the annual expenses of maintaining the Home.

2nd. We approve the recommendation of the Grand Master that St. Johns days, December 27th and June 24th, be annually set aside as Masonic Home days, and that the brethren meet on those days and celebrate in some suitable manner the occasion, and take up collections for the Masonic Orphans' Home.

3rd. We approve the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master that the five hundred dollars annually contributed the Protestant Orphans' Home at Natchez be discontinued, and that five hundred dollars be annually contributed to our own Orphans' Home. and that this appropriation begin at this Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Shibolet, published at Memphis, Tenn., was adopted as the official organ of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. A. H. Barkley reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1901.

Lodges, 291; members, 10,676; increase, 640.

Harry T. Howard (Biloxi), G. M.

Frederic Speed (Vicksburg), G. S.

MISSOURI.

82nd Communication, Kansas City, Oct. 21, 1902.

Joseph C. Finagin, G. M.

Four new lodges were opened. Six State Lodges of Instruction were held by the Grand Master. Everything points to continued prosperity, and perfect harmony prevails throughout the State.

Bro. James L. Kuykendall presented over \$13,000 to

the Masonic Home, and received the hearty thanks of the Grand Lodge for his munificent gift.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

In his review of Canada for 1901 Bro. John D. Vincil says:

The Journal, which is of quite good dimensions, contains attractive likenesses of several Past Grand Masters, one of whom is M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson. I had the pleasure of meeting this able writer and distinguished Mason some years since in the charming city of Toronto, where he showed me marked kindness in a social and fraternal way. The picture recalls him quite vividly.

Lodges, 565; members, 36,138; increase, 1,431.

John C. Yocum (Kansas City), G. M.

John D. Vincil (St. Louis), G. S.

MONTANA.

38th Communication, Butte, Sept. 17, 1902.

George T. Slack, G. M.

The Grand Master reports one new lodge. He stopped smoking in lodge rooms, notwithstanding the protest of one lodge that a quorum could not otherwise be obtained.

A well-deserved compliment is thus paid to their worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. Cornelius Hedges:

This is the thirtieth report of your Grand Secretary. Thirty of the best years of one of the purest lives spent in Montana has been devoted with unfaltering zeal to your service and to Masonry, as well as to the general brotherhood of mankind. This service stands out in bold relief as an example to all, and as a living argument in favor of unselfishness and charity. Words are but inadequate vehicles of expression of our appreciation of this life. We rejoice that our Grand Secretary is able to be with us to-day. We would spare him labor if he would permit, and we hope and pray that he may be long spared to us on earth, as we know that his reward beyond will be rich throughout eternity.

The new Masonic Temple in Butte was dedicated with imposing ceremonies in the presence of over 500 Masons.

A life membership proposal was lost, and the same fate befel a proposition to reduce the minimum fee for the degrees to \$35.00.

The Grand Secretary presented his thirty-second report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1901 finds a place.

Lodges, 49; members, 3,553; increase, 228.

Frank E. Smith (Lewiston), G. M.

Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

45th Communication, Omaha, June 4, 1902.

Robert E. Evans, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says :

Freemasonry is prosperous throughout this jurisdiction, and with but two or three exceptions, each subordinate lodge has advanced. Our membership has had a healthy growth; financially we are in better condition than for years; peace and harmony prevail where trouble seemed probable a year ago; the Craft generally appreciate the duties that come with membership in the fraternity, and are devoted and loyal to its tenets.

Two new lodges were opened. The Grand Custodian held 319 sessions of Schools of Instruction in 67 different lodges, and it is hardly any wonder that his health failed him.

New Zealand was recognized and Mexico held over for a year.

Ten per cent. of the Grand Lodge receipts is to be placed in the Relief Fund, instead of 5 per cent, as formerly.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to whom shall be referred all matters pertaining to the work of this Grand Jurisdiction, its preservation in its original form and purity, as adopted by this Grand Lodge, if it is being taught and promulgated as adopted, and in accordance with the directions of this Grand Lodge in every particular.

Further, it shall be the duty of this committee to carefully investigate the method of the promulgation of the work in the different Grand Jurisdictions, and all matters pertaining to this matter, and report their findings at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, with such recommendations as they may deem to be for the best interest of this Grand Lodge and the Craft throughout the jurisdiction.

Past Grand Master George W. Lininger invited the brethren to visit his art gallery, and also to examine the room in the public library in Omaha containing a large number of curios collected by him while visiting Egypt and the Holy Land.

Lodges, 236; members, 13,115; increase, 401.

Nathaniel M. Ayers (Beaver City), G. M.

Francis E. White (Plattsmouth), G. S.

NEVADA.

38th Communication, Carson City, June 10, 1902.

George A. Morgan, G. M.

We make the following extracts from the address:

Returns of Constituent Lodges now show a more prosperous condition than for several years. Our Grand Secretary's report will show that more degrees have been conferred and greater gains in membership have been acquired. The utmost harmony prevails in and between the several lodges of this jurisdiction, and our sister grand jurisdictions also.

I would like to see more warmth and brotherly feeling shown to a brother from other parts visiting us. True, most of our lodges do extend the right hand most cordially, but many members forget they may be visitors in other jurisdictions themselves and if not cordially received will complain on their next visit to their own lodge of how they were treated.

In this jurisdiction the impression seems to prevail that on all occasions of an official visit from any Grand Lodge officer, a banquet should be provided. This, brethren, is a serious mistake. All lodges certainly would like to entertain the Grand Officers with an elaborate banquet, but cannot do so, so in my visits I have instructed the various lodges not to squander their funds in this manner, but retain them for the poor or sick and to bury their dead, and I find the Grand Master is oftener invited, and certainly always most cordially received whether the banquet is in evidence or not.

Western Australia and Costa Rica were recognized.

The Grievance Committee had no business before them.

Begging circulars are not to be read in lodges in this jurisdiction, except in cases of great calamity, and then only after the approval of the Grand Master.

We are glad to note that Bro. George Gillson, a former member of our own lodge, is the representative from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

The report on Correspondence is limited by order to fifty pages. Canada for 1901 is noticed. Bro. A. D. Bird, reporter.

Lodges, 21; members, 904; increase, 19.

Alexander O. Percy (Gold Hill), G. M.

Chauncey N. Noteware (Carson City), G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

35th Communication, St. John, Aug. 26, 1902.

Arthur I. Truman, G. M.

From this admirable address we make two extracts:

Harmony and fraternity prevail throughout our jurisdiction, and the fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges have not been disturbed. Nothing whatever has occurred to impair in the slightest degree that perfect accord which should ever

exist among Masons; on the contrary, I am pleased to report that our statistics will show a steady and marked growth in Freemasonry in this province. This peace and prosperity is not entirely due to the efforts and labors of any one year. The seed was sown in the past, and the harvest is now being reaped. As a flower grows, ripens into blossom and scatters its fragrance around, so our Order, founded to promote the morality and happiness of mankind, grows and ripens in the hearts of its members till the lustre and beauty of their lives are beheld by the world, and it is taught to search for the hidden truths that lie concealed from all who have not passed within our portals. Let our bodies be chaste, our thoughts pure, our words gentle, and our lives useful, to the honor and commendation of Freemasonry. * * * * *

The most pleasant duty or privilege of the Grand Master is the visitation of lodges. I will ever bear in sweet remembrance the warm and kindly greetings and the unbounded hospitality which have been extended to myself and the Grand Officers who accompanied me on my official visits. Although I have been unable to meet with all of the lodges, I have endeavored to do what I could in that direction. In the midst of professional duties the visitation of all the lodges in this jurisdiction cannot be undertaken in one year. But every lodge in this province can easily be visited by the Grand Master within two years. Apart from the great pleasure to the Grand Officers, these visitations are fully appreciated by and unmeasurably profitable to those lodges.

A memorial badge was struck commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the constitution of St. John's lodge, No. 2, and a resolution was passed by Grand Lodge authorizing the members of that lodge to wear it when in Masonic clothing.

Lodges, 35; members, 1,994; increase, 108.

Arthur I. Truman (St. John), G. M.

J. Twining Hartt (St. John), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

113th Communication, Concord, May 21, 1902.

Henry B. Quinby, G. M.

The outlook is good for the early building of a Masonic Home.

The following was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Whereas, There is a corporation doing business in New Hampshire under the name of the Masonic Protective Association, of Worcester, Massachusetts, claiming to be a fraternal benefit association; and

Whereas, Said association is organized as a dividend paying corporation, and not a corporation organized along the lines of fraternity and charity.

Resolved, That all Masons throughout this jurisdiction be notified that said association is not entitled to be classed as a Masonic fraternal body, and is not entitled to the recognition of this Grand Lodge as such.

Bro. A. S. Wait again reports on Correspondence, and says very nice things about Canada. We are glad to copy parts of his conclusion:

For Freemasonry the year now closing has been one of prosperity, with harmony prevailing everywhere. As material interests have widened with the march of political events, and new departures have increased the complications of the commercial and business world, the fraternity has adjusted itself to new conditions and extended the horizon of its beneficent work, and the multiplying interests of modern civilized life have been brought more and more within its softening and molifying influence, while its examples of elevated virtue, exalted Christian charity and considerate forbearance, have been highest among the factors of civilized contemporaneous progress.

Differences of view still divide the sentiment of the Craft upon some topics of interest, but in connection with these nothing like controversy has characterized the discussions. Perhaps the more prominent among these is the doctrine relating to the physical qualification for entry into the Masonic brotherhood. There appears at present a growing sentiment with many brethren that the true adjustments of the institution to modern civilized conditions require that the narrow interpretation of the ancient charges formerly prevailing too much limit and circumscribe its capabilities, while others hold them to be among the symbolisms, and consequently to belong to its landmarks, not to be removed or enlarged. With the constitution of the human genius as everywhere apparent, it is probable that these opposite ideas will continue to find exemplification in different classes of mind, though according to present observation the latter view appears to be weakening, if not giving way to the more liberal and progressive sentiment.

Another subject of difference among the brethren is that of perpetual jurisdiction of lodges over their rejected candidates; and this seems liable to lead to results of practical importance, though we are confident that the spirit pervading the fraternity will prevent its developing into controversy. In a few cases candidates rejected in lodges where the rule prevails have removed to jurisdictions in which it does not exist, and have there been admitted without asking waiver from the rejecting lodges. Discussions have thereupon arisen, but thus far there has been produced no breach of fraternal relations.

There appear to be a growing distrust among American Grand Lodges of the rectitude of the Grand Orient of Belgium, because of her maintaining fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France; and several of them for that reason have withdrawn the recognition they had formerly extended. It is questioned by some others (perhaps only one or two),

whether that is a sufficient reason for severing existing fraternal relations. The occasion does not call for an opinion from ourselves, and we express none, though we have not been inattentive to what appears to be the growing sentiment upon the subject.

Lodges, 79; members, 9,480; increase, 93.

Harry M. Cheney (Lebanon), G. M.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G. S.

NEW MEXICO.

25th Communication, Santa Fe, Oct. 20, 1902.

Arthur H. Harllee, G. M.

Prosperity prevails. The material accepted is of excellent quality, and the finances are sound. A new lodge was opened at Aztec.

The recognition of Costa Rica was confirmed.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That any Master Mason made after January 1st, 1902, who has passed, or who shall pass, a perfect examination on the first section of the Master Mason's degree within the time prescribed by our by-laws (the fact being certified to the Grand Secretary by the Secretary of the lodges under lodge seal), shall be given a Master Mason's diploma at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

Status of Mason with Dimit.—A Mason holding a dimit which is more than one year old is not entitled to any Masonic rights and privileges except that of making application for membership to a lodge.

Bro. W. H. Seamon reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1901.

Lodges, 21; members, 1,133; increase, 54.

E. A. Cahoon (Roswell), G. M.

Alpheus A. Keen (Albuquerque), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings from June, 1901, to June, 1902.

J. C. Remington, G. M.

This Grand Lodge meets quarterly. Their Board of General Purposes meets monthly and practically transacts all the business. They have a Grand Inspector of Workings, with a Deputy Inspector in each of the 23 districts.

The meeting in June, at which the Grand Officers are elected, is the most important. The Grand Master's address opens as follows:

With a grateful heart I meet you here to-night at the close of my third year of office as your Grand Master, acknowledg-

ing that the progress of the Craft during the whole term has not only been more than any personal efforts of my own could have secured, but far greater than I ventured to hope for, when first taking the Chair in 1899.

You have had details of that progress laid before you every quarter ; but they may be summarized for the three years as follows :

Six new lodges opened, and three old ones resuscitated, increasing the total number in active work to 186, to which 2,813 Master Mason's certificates have been issued in three years. It is obvious that such an advance on previous records could not have been made without the zealous co-operation of Grand Lodge Officers, Boards, Masters of Lodges, and the Craft generally; for which I once more thank all concerned.

During the past quarter I have signed 223 Master Mason's certificates, making 1,214 for the year, and, it may be interesting to note, making the total certificates issued by our Grand Lodge since the union in 1888 of nearly 16,000; which, added to the 6,000 Masons who were then on the books, gives a total of 22,000 who have been registered in New South Wales.

On comparing this with our present roll, after allowing for the inevitable decrease by death or removal, it must be evident that there has been a large loss by "Calling Off"; which, it seems to me, might have been considerably diminished if interest in the Craft had been more systematically encouraged by Worshipful Masters; especially by inviting Past Masters to participate in active lodge work.

Since we last met I have carried out a visitation, long-promised and unprecedented, to the four lodges of the Barrier District, No. 20, in the far west of New South Wales, and on the border of South Australia, for which I left Sydney on Sunday evening, the 11th May.

It involved a journey of nearly 3,000 miles by rail and road, and an absence from Sydney of eleven days and twelve nights, of which six had to be passed in the sleeping cars. I was therefore much gratified to find myself accompanied by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and five Grand Lodge Officers, whose readiness to thus give their time and money for the good of the Craft ought to be generally appreciated.

The Grand Master refused an application for a new lodge in the Fiji Islands, saying that their territory was limited to New South Wales.

The first three lodges in Australia were Irish lodges, founded in 1816, 1820 and 1824.

There are four members of the Committee on Correspondence, each one taking a part of the work. In the review of Canada for 1901 the following occurs :

The District Deputy Grand Masters' reports of the eighteen districts under their jurisdiction covers 218 pages, a great deal of it being interesting reading; but, if we may be permitted to criticise it, we would like to say that it might easily be "boiled down" a bit. Cut all the "flatteries and gush" out,

and leave plain figures, and the report would be more appreciated.

Lodges, 186; members, 8,812; increase, 626.

J. C. Remington (Sydney), G. M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G. S.

NEW YORK.

121st Communication, New York, May 6, 1902.

Charles W. Mead, G. M.

Among the deaths mentioned is that of Bro. Daniel Sickles, the well known Masonic author, in the 87th year of his age. He was a man of great literary ability, with a very genial and kindly disposition, and he had hosts of friends.

On clandestine masonry the Grand Master says:

During the month of November my attention was called to certain advertisements appearing in the columns of certain of the public press, offering reduced rates for persons desiring to become Freemasons in an alleged new lodge then forming in the city of New York.

So many times was this brought to my attention by members of the Craft residing in the city of New York, and it coming to my knowledge that the proper safeguards were not being exercised in the admission of visitors to our lodges, I caused a circular letter to be addressed and sent to each of the lodges in the State, which letter is hereto annexed. It will be observed that no new safeguards were suggested to prevent the admission to our lodge rooms of those who claim to have been made Masons in bodies regarded by this Grand Lodge as spurious and irregular. But the direction was that the usual safeguards should be rigidly enforced and that particular care should be taken to ascertain the regularity of the lodge from which the visitor claimed to hail, and that no visitor should be admitted except upon authoritative avouchment or the proof of his right to visit by rigid examination.

Careful inquiry disclosed that one of the most active agents in seeking to establish this spurious and irregular lodge was a member of one of the lodges in this jurisdiction. Charges were preferred against him, and I appointed trial commissioners; trial has been had, the offending member convicted, and, by the judgment of the trial commissioners, expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

In my opinion, there is no cause for apprehension that this clandestine lodge will attain any proportions or will have a long lease of life.

The addition to the children's building at the Home at Utica has been completed at a cost of \$21,700.05. The average number of inmates in the Home during the year was 261. The roll of adults shows an increase of 35-

The average age of the adults is over 70 years. The current expenses of the Home, embracing maintenance, repairs, farm and barn expenses, were \$47,092.27, showing a per capita cost of \$180.43 for the year.

The Special Committee on Work and Lectures found that numerous errors had crept in, and they restored, as far as possible, the form in which the standard ritual had been known for so many years.

The article in the Constitution on Visitors was amended to read as follows:

Section 64. No visitor shall be admitted into any lodge without due inquiry and satisfaction as to his good Masonic standing; nor shall he be admitted if his admission will disturb the harmony of the lodge or embarrass its work.

Any visitor from another jurisdiction applying for examination for admission to a lodge in this jurisdiction shall be required to present a certificate of his membership in the lodge from which he hails. Such certificate shall be authenticated as follows:

1. By the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in which such lodge is located, as to the regular standing of the lodge.
2. By the Secretary of the lodge as to the Masonic standing of the brother, and
3. By the signature of the brother in whose name the certificate is issued, for personal identification.

An honorary member of a lodge has not the right to visit said lodge when a member of it objects thereto.

It was ordered that representatives should be exchanged with the Grand Lodge Zur Sonne at Bayreuth, in Bavaria. On the proposition from Switzerland the following report was adopted:

Meetings of the "Universal Congress of Freemasons" have heretofore been held and participated in by Masonic Grand Bodies holding no fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New York, and no mutual interchange of representatives exists between those Grand Bodies and our own. It would, therefore, be manifestly improper for us to officially participate in the proceedings. The chief object of this Congress appears to be for the organization of an Internal Bureau of Information to facilitate the interchange of reports. Inasmuch as this object, so far as the Grand Lodge of New York is concerned, is now, and has been for a long time, an accomplished fact, there does not seem to be in any event sufficient reasons for us to participate in the general proceedings of such a congress. Our Grand Secretary informs us that we interchange reports and all other printed matter of interest with every masonic Grand Lodge in the world with whom we hold fraternal relations. In view of the fact, therefore, that we are now extending and receiving courtesy from all Grand Lodges holding fraternal intercourse with us, the invitation referred to should not, in the judgment of your committee, be accepted.

The Committee on Grievances had no cases before them, which is rather extraordinary in so large a membership.

The annual review by Bro. Jesse B. Anthony is as excellent as usual. Canada for 1901 receives due notice.

The foreign branch of this department is under the supervision of Bro. Emil Frenkel, and this year it is more interesting than usual. On the Grand Lodges' Union of Germany, he says :

Whether at the present time the Grand Lodges' Union of Germany exists or has ceased to exist, is a difficult question to answer. Surely the statutes of the Union have not been so thoroughly observed as in former years. According to the by-laws of the combined German Grand Bodies, the management of their business is passed every year from one member to another in rotation. The Annual Diet is held on Whit Sunday at the seat of the Grand Lodge, then controlling the concerns of the united Grand Bodies under the presidency of its Grand Master. Shortly before the end of the official term in May last of M. W. Bro. Brand, of the Grand Lodge of Hesse, he was notified by the Grand Lodge of the "Three Globes," that owing to the existing discord and dissension between the Grand Lodge of the "Three Globes" and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, M. W. Bro. Gerhardt (Three Globes) is under the necessity of declining to serve his term as presiding officer of the Grand Lodges' Union, and also of refusing to attend to or participate in the deliberations of the Annual Diet, should such Diet be held. This terminated all Masonic intercourse between the two dissenting Grand Bodies; and as the Grand National Lodge and Grand Lodge "Royal York" sided with the "Three Globes," a schism sundered the union, which still keeps it apart. M. W. Bro. Brand tried by the strongest efforts to harmonize the differences. The Diet was consequently postponed to a later part of the year. But there being no immediate prospect for peace at that time nothing further was done in that direction; and no assembly of the Diet, as prescribed by the rules of the Grand Lodges' Union, was held. There being no one to take charge of the business, especially in matters referring to the foreign relations with Grand Bodies, and to matters appertaining to the management of the "Victoria-Stiftung," a charity controlled jointly by the eight German Grand Lodges, the Hessian Grand Master held and continues to hold over as the executive of the Grand Lodges' Union. It is to be hoped that at an early day peace will again reunite the German Masonic powers and cement them into a lasting union, in which fraternal sentiments will be so strong that all hostile dissensions will be avoided. * * *

We have learned, with satisfaction, that the clandestine lodge, "Pythagoras No. 1," chartered many years ago within this jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg against the protest of our Grand Lodge, has officially been dissolved and that the charter and rituals have been actually returned to the parent Grand Body. The invasion of the New York juris-

diction at that time was followed by a severance of the fraternal relations. We are glad to note that such interference is now discountenanced by the Hamburg Grand Lodge, and that an exclusive territorial jurisdiction as always claimed by the New York Fraternity as an essential principle is to-day recognized as an absolute right.

In his review of the Grand Orient of Belgium we notice that:

A communication under date of September 25, 1900, from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, announced the breach of Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of Belgium on account of the fraternal relations of the latter with the Grand Orient of France. This was answered by Belgium, by holding that the constitution of its Grand Body and the position of the Belgian Grand Orient, it must defend the principles of absolute tolerance; and therefore was prohibited from criticising in any way the special views of French Masons on any point touching religious or political questions. * * *

We find social and religious matters frequently drawn into the precincts of the Masonic "Ateliers," a fact which is easily explained because the Catholic party is the leading one in this kingdom and absolutely controls the actions of the government. For this reason the Belgian liberals are found in the Masonic lodges. Here the opposition has its stronghold from which it attacks clerical intolerance.

Lodges, 755; members, 111,365; increase, 5,130.

122nd Communication, New York, May 5, 1903.

Elbert Crandall, G. M.

The address to Grand Lodge contains the following:

From the reports of the several officers to be presented at this annual session it will be observed that the year now closed has been one of exceeding prosperity to the lodges throughout our jurisdiction. Not only have our lodges added to their membership many new brethren, both by initiation and affiliation, but the lodge meetings everywhere have been characterized by a splendid spirit of fraternity, to which, doubtless, the present most excellent condition of Freemasonry is indebted.

The reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters are especially interesting because these reports are based upon actual experience obtained by intercourse with the lodges of their respective districts, and from them we obtain some idea of the useful labors conscientiously performed in which our brethren are engaged. It is true, here and there, in isolated cases controversies have arisen; but the discordant notes of these controversies have been silenced by the great chorus of Masonic harmony heard in every corner of the State.

The year now passed into history may safely be counted one of the brightest epochs in the story of the brotherhood in this commonwealth.

Six dispensations have been issued for the establishment of new lodges. Other petitions were presented; but on investigation it was found that in each case the erection of a new lodge would seriously retard the progress and perhaps endanger the existence of the lodges already established, and were therefore denied.

In granting the petitions for the establishment of these lodges I was thoroughly convinced of the necessity of the brethren in these several localities to be formed into a lodge. First, because the establishment of such lodges would redound to the benefit of the Craft, and second, because it would enable many of our brethren in the country to enjoy the privileges of lodge communications from which, by reason of the distance to be traveled, they were excluded.

The lodges working under dispensations, to wit: Connequot, at Sayville; Athelstane, at Spring Valley; William McKinley, at New York; Agawamack, at Philmont; Transportation, at Buffalo, and Star of the East, at East Hampton, have returned the dispensations issued, they have complied with all the requirements of the Constitution, and I recommend that a charter be issued to each.

Our intercourse with the sister Grand Lodges of the world has been most pleasant and fraternal. No questions of dispute of any description have arisen during the year, and the utmost good fellowship prevails between this Grand Lodge and all the Grand Lodges with which it is in fraternal relation.

Agreeable to the action had at the last session, representatives have been exchanged with the Grand Lodge Zur Sonne at Bayreuth.

A communication has been received from the Grand Lodge Alpina, of Switzerland, in relation to the establishment of an international office for facilitating Masonic intercourse. This office is to be located in Switzerland, and is evidently the outcome of the recent congress held in Geneva. The Grand Lodge of New York is invited to become a subscriber to this project. The purpose of this office as gleaned from the documents received, is to institute methods among "Masonic Powers" for developing fraternal ties for the interchange of catalogues, journals, reports and other documents and papers published by "Masonic Powers," and for furnishing to "Masonic Powers" any information and "studies" they may desire; to facilitate the preparation of Masonic Congresses and publish their transactions; for constituting a library and archives which are to unite everything that may claim an interest in universal Masonic work. All this is to be accomplished by levying an assessment of twenty francs (since reduced to ten francs) annually upon each lodge in the jurisdiction. A form of contract to be executed by the Grand lodge for the payment of the annual assessment by each of its lodges accompanies the communication.

With our excellent Committee on Foreign Correspondence in touch with all the acknowledged, rightful Grand Lodges of Craft Masonry in the world, and being in friendly relation with all the Grand Lodges of America, and a similar condition existing with all those except two in Europe, and ex-

changing as we do representatives with nearly all of the recognized Grand Lodges on the face of the globe, it does not appear to me that membership on the part of the Grand Lodge of New York in the International Bureau of Masonic Information is necessary.

The Home has 291 inmates. The cost of maintenance for the year was \$172.30 per capita.

The death of the Grand Historian, Bro. Peter Ross, caused general regret. He is succeeded by Bro. Edwin A. Quick.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized, and membership in the Switzerland International Bureau of Masonic Information was respectfully declined.

Bro. Jesse B. Anthony submitted his fifteenth report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1902 finds fraternal mention. We copy the following from his valuable statistics:

STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1900	1901	1902	1903
Grand Lodges	57	57	57	57
Subordinate Lodges.....	12,260	12,391	12,516	12,704
Raised	45,913	51,496	57,798	62,799
Affiliated	14,040	16,316	16,457	17,452
Restored.	6,725	7,218	7,218	6,933
Died	13,262	13,557	14,400	14,082
Dimitted	16,824	17,789	19,668	19,284
Suspended for non-payment of dues	17,039	15,591	14,293	13,387
Suspended and expelled	541	689	542	523
Membership	846,395	873,075	901,968	944,188

Based upon the tables we find, in the Grand Lodges of the United States, the following percentages:

	1900	1901	1902	1903
Accessions by new work	5.44	6.06	6.62	6.94
Additions by affiliation and restoration.	2.48	2.82	2.73	2.70
Losses by death.	1.60	1.62	1.67	1.58
Losses for non-payment of dues	2.03	1.83	1.62	1.47
Losses by dismissions.....	1.99	2.08	2.24	2.11
Net gain of the year.....	1.75	3.17	3.68	4.36

In numerical standing the most prominent rank in the following order:

New York.....	111,365
Illinois.....	63,034
Pennsylvania.	57,266
Ohio.....	51,374
Michigan	45,304
Massachusetts	42,090
Missouri	36,138

The average of membership to each Lodge is greatest in the following:

District of Columbia.....	241
Massachusetts.....	178
Connecticut.....	161
Rhode Island.....	153
New York.....	148
Pennsylvania.....	131
New Hampshire.....	120

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Indiana	35,107	Maine	117
Iowa	31,693	Delaware	116
Texas	31,568	Michigan	116
California	24,735	New Jersey	112
Maine	23,224	Vermont	105
Kansas	22,388	Ohio	103
Kentucky	21,819	Utah	98
Georgia	21,138		

The jurisdictions having Lodges of the largest membership are in the following order :

GRAND LODGE.	Subordinate Lodge		Location.	Member-ship.
	Name.	No.		
New York	Genesee Falls	507	Rochester	1,070
Minnesota	Minneapolis.	19	Minneapolis	842
Illinois	Covenant ...	526	Chicago	800
Connecticut	Hiram	1	New Haven	749
Kentucky	Preston	281	Louisville	730
Michigan	Zion	1	Detroit	691
Ohio	Magnolia ...	20	Columbus	678
District of Columbia.	La Fayette ..	19	Washington, D.C.	668
California	Mission	169	San Francisco ..	628
Massachusetts	Roswell Lee ..	...	Springfield	580
Colorado	Denver	5	Denver	571
Pennsylvania	Washington.	59	Philadelphia ...	556
Rhode Island	What Cheer.	21	Providence	553
Missouri	Temple	299	Kansas City	532

Lodges, 757; members, 118,185; increase, 6,820.

Elbert Crandall (Brooklyn), G. M.

Edward M. L. Ehlers (New York), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND.

Annual Communication, Wellington, April 30, 1902.

Alexander S. Russell, G. M.

Some correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Scotland appears in these Proceedings as to the establishment of a lodge in New Zealand by the Grand Lodge of Scotland after the recognition of New Zealand by Scotland. The New Zealand position is upheld by a number of Grand Lodges, and there is none to approve of the action of Scotland. New Zealand offers to sanction the new lodge if Scotland will recognize the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The reply of Scotland was not received at this meeting.

Hearty thanks were given to the Grand Superintend-

ents. To them is attributed the success which the Grand Lodge has achieved and the healthy and vigorous condition of the Craft throughout the territory.

Quite a discussion took place on the adoption of a ritual and printing it. Finally, the following motion was carried:

That the Ritual be approved by Grand Lodge, and that a Revising Committee of three, consisting of R. W. Bro. Williams, R. W. Bro. Griffiths, and W. Bro. T. W. Rowe, be set up by the Ritual Committee to make a final revision of the Ritual, but that before printing it they be recommended to consider any suggestions from the Grand Superintendents of Districts in the matter.

A large number of amendments were made to the Constitution.

The incoming Grand Master, after his installation, delivered an able address, from which we take the following:

It is often said that the institution of Freemasonry is too ideal to be properly carried out. I don't know whether that is intended as an excuse for those members who do not perform their duties as Freemasons. However, the plea is raised very frequently. But if we analyse it there is very little in the cry. What does Freemasonry really demand? When a person joins from the outer world, if he has been accustomed to profanity he is required to abjure that vice; if he has been intemperate he is asked to become temperate. Indeed, in regard to the various frailties of human nature it is asked that there shall be some attempt to modify them or to correct them entirely. We ask our brethren to carry their Freemasonry into the outer world, to prefer their brothers in business matters, without prejudice, to give the hand of consolation to those in affliction or distress—not necessarily to put one's hand in one's pocket, but to endeavor to smooth the bed of sickness of our brothers who may be so afflicted. And I would ask you how far we carry out these duties as Freemasons? There is surely nothing ideal in all this. There is nothing in these various things that any of us cannot do. Some eighteen months ago Past Grand Master Russell visited the Palmerston district. He was there told that a brother was lying ill in the Palmerston hospital, and the local brethren asked him if he would pay a visit to this brother, who was a man of color, but a Freemason. Bro. Russell at once acceded to the suggestion. He visited the hospital, shook the hand of this brother, and gave him some words of consolation. I believe the brother did not live long, but he never forgot that kind action. I am quite sure that it assisted materially to sooth his dying hour. Surely if one of us can act in this way—and in so doing we are only performing our duty as Freemasons—others can do likewise. We have it on the authority of one of our charges that "the brother who has thus far performed his duty as a Freemason can safely await the arrival of his dying throb, when we must all experience

that awful moment when the soul will take wing to the boundless and unexplored expanse above."

Lodges, 121; members, 5,737; increase, 352.

Herbert J. Williams (Wellington), G. M.

Malcolm Niccol (Wellington), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

13th Communication, Fargo, June 24, 1902.

Thomas L. Foulks, G. M.

Matters in this jurisdiction have been most harmonious. Excellent work has been done and the membership has steadily increased. A new lodge was formed at Rolla.

Aprons were presented to all the fourteen Past Grand Masters.

M. W. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) stated that the Grand Secretary had prepared a Ritual, consisting of two degrees, for an order to be confined to the sons and brothers of Master Masons between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one; that he and other Masons had seen the Ritual and were favorably impressed with the possibilities which it presented in giving to our sons and brothers better lessons in life than are ordinarily at hand, at the same time preparing the mind for the Masonic degrees, and therefore he moved:

That a committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to investigate the Ritual and report at the next general annual communication.

Western Australia and Costa Rica were recognized.

For the first time in a number of years we have a report on Correspondence. The author is Bro. Robert M. Carothers, P. G. M.

Lodges, 66; members, 3,998; increase, 256.

Walter L. Stockwell (Grafton), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

37th Communication, Truro, June 11, 1902.

Thomas Trenaman, G. M.

There is a lodge in this jurisdiction working under the Grand Lodge of England, which is thus described:

Royal Standard Lodge is the only lodge of any other jurisdiction working within our borders, and because of this fact holds a somewhat anomalous position. By an arrangement made with the Grand Lodge of England, this lodge—a purely military and naval lodge, made up entirely of non-commissioned officers of H. M. services and of brethren who leave the service while still in membership—is permitted to work in our jurisdiction to suit the convenience of the ever-changing mili-

tary and naval elements of which it is so largely composed. Its members, though paying allegiance to another Grand Body, are intimately associated with the brethren of the other city lodges by visitation, social intercourse, and a common lodge room, and these associations have always been most cordial and harmonious.

The Grand Master declined an application to open a lodge in British Honduras, holding that it would not be either wise, politic or just to interfere in the Masonic affairs of that distant territory.

The Grand Secretary reports Masonry as very prosperous in every section of the jurisdiction.

All the District Deputies except one presented good reports.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bros. Flint, Ross and Mowbray. Our Proceedings of 1901 are fraternally noticed. In mentioning the portraits of our Past Grand Masters, the statement is made that "these five estimable brethren represent an array of Masonic experience and learning difficult to be matched by an equal number of Past Grand Masters in America."

Lodges, 63; members, 3,720; increase, 146.

Luther B. Archibald (Truro), G. M.

Thomas Mowbray (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO.

93rd Communication, Columbus, Oct. 22, 1902.

I. M. Robinson, G. M.

Socially, morally and spiritually, the progress in Freemasonry has been more gratifying than ever before. Peace, harmony and love prevail.

The death is announced of Bro. John D. Caldwell, in his 86th year. He was Grand Secretary for 35 years, and for nine years he was Grand Secretary of no less than six Grand Masonic Bodies at the same time—a record without a parallel. He was greatly loved and esteemed.

The contributions to the McKinley Memorial Fund already amount to \$2,621.30.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1901, Bro. W. M. Cunningham makes several extracts from our report, and gives a very full account of our doings. He also says:

The beds endowed for sick children in the Children's Hospital, through the munificence of M. W. Bro. Past Grand Master J. Ross Robertson and Masonic Bodies in Canada, is another notable feature in the unstinted charities of our brethren in the north.

In his review of Nebraska, Bro. Cunningham has the following remarks on the Grand Honors:

In his address he says that, as "Funeral Grand Honors and Private Grand Honors" were all the Grand Honors that he knew of in Masonry, that he "decided to give the private Grand Honors at the public laying of a corner-stone."

As the Private Grand Honors in Masonry are the S. of an E. A., F. C. and M. M., collectively, and can only be given as such in an open tyled lodge of Master Masons, the statement is doubtless a mistaken utterance.

The present known and used Grand Honors in Masonry are three, viz.: the Private, the Public, and the Funeral. The first, or Private Grand Honors, are explained above; the second, or Public Grand Honors, are given by striking the palms of the hands together—"three times three"—and, as noted in Vernon's History, in the ceremonials observed under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Honors of Masonry were given, a hundred and fifty years ago, by three hand-claps of the hands, accompanied with huzzas three times. The huzzas have been dropped, but the three times three of the hand-claps now constitute the Public Grand Honors, and are also known in other Masonic grades, by whom they were appropriated from Craft Masonry, as the "Baternity." The Funeral Grand Honors are given by having both arms crossed on the breast, left uppermost, the open palms of the hands striking the shoulders; then raising the hands, and striking the palms of the hands above the head; then dropping them, and striking the thighs with the palms of the hands. The striking, in each case, to be done sharply, and all in unison. The words, "The will of God is accomplished; so mote it be," are pronounced as the motions are made. Mackey divides the above, and makes the foregoing, with the addition of the words pronounced, the Funeral Grand Honors, and, without the words, he designates that part as Public Grand Honors. In giving their history, however, he goes back to the claps, huzzas, etc., of the ancients and Romans, to whom he ascribes their origin, and from whom he says the "Grand Honors of Freemasonry are legitimately derived." The beautiful symbolism of the ceremonial, like that of the deposits of the evergreen, should remove all doubts and settle the question finally, as the hands crossing the breast express the loving remembrance of the brother maintained in the heart, or within the breast, the hands striking above the head, that his soul, his spirit, is commended to Him who gave it, our Heavenly Father, the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe, and dropping the hands to the thighs, that the body has been deposited in our mother earth, whence it came.

The research of Masonic students within the past quarter of a century has brought to light much that is important in understanding ancient Masonic usage, and its symbology is really the true method of determining all disputed points in Freemasonry. Every formula, lesson, or movement in the esotery of Freemasonry, and its ceremonials, or in its public functions, are most thoroughly explained in its symbolism when properly studied and applied.

Lodges, 499; members, 51,374; increase, 3,025.

W. A. Belt (Kenton), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OKLAHOMA.

10th Communication, Guthrie, Feb. 11, 1902.

Charles Day, G. M.

The past year has been especially prosperous. Twenty new lodges were formed during the year.

Cuba and Costa Rica were recognized. Valle de Mexico was respectfully declined.

The Grand Lecturer reports good progress. His School of Instruction was well attended, and the spirit evinced was that of enthusiastic determination to profit by the instruction. In one lodge that he attended he found that the nine principal officers came from nine different States, but all were determined to follow the authorized work.

11th Communication, Guthrie, Feb. 10, 1903.

Their prosperity continues. The Grand Master reports twelve new lodges, and says:

Yet not by material growth is the true state of the Craft to be judged, but by the permeation of the body of the Craft by those invisible and spiritual vital forces inherent in the principles and teachings of Masonry. To this great work must our principal energies be directed if we are to preserve the Order in this Territory in that pristine excellence and purity with which it was so wisely founded. Here is a never ceasing labor with rich rewards in a craftsman's true wages.

The following amendments to the Constitution were adopted:

Any kind of gambling, profane swearing, or the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors is hereby declared to be a Masonic offense and a bar to initiation, passing, raising, and affiliation in a subordinate lodge, and the practice thereof shall subject offenders, who are Masons, either to admonition, reprimand, suspension or expulsion.

Section 35. The sale of intoxicating liquors at wholesale or retail is hereby declared a Masonic offence and shall subject the offender, who is a Mason, to suspension or expulsion and shall be a bar to initiation, passing, raising and affiliation in a subordinate lodge.

It shall be the duty of the Master to order charges preferred against all offenders in his jurisdiction who shall violate this section, and a trial shall be had as in other cases.

Section 36. If any lodge shall fail to enforce the provisions of section 35, the Grand Master shall arrest the charter-

of such lodge and report his actions to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication.

Bro. James S. Hunt reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 92; members, 4,148; increase, 957.

S. P. Larsh (Tecumseh), G. M.

James S. Hunt (Stillwater), G. S.

OREGON.

52nd Communication, Portland, June 11, 1902.

W. E. Grace, G. M.

The prevailing conditions are prosperous, and official reports show a healthy growth in membership. The Grand Master opened two new lodges, and he visited all the weaker lodges in the State.

The Grand Lodge had the pleasure of receiving Bro. DeWolf Smith, the distinguished foreign correspondent of British Columbia.

The Grand Master having exercised his prerogative of making Masons at sight, the committee on the address reported thereon as follows:

Your committee notes the exercise of the ancient prerogative of the Grand Master in making Masons at sight as being the first time it has occurred in the history of this jurisdiction, and while we recommend the approval by this Grand Lodge, yet we desire to add a word of caution, that as this action has been taken to establish the prerogative, that the precedent now established may not in the future be abused.

This is about equivalent to a verdict of "Not guilty, but don't do it again."

Costa Rica was recognized.

Bro. J. M. Hodson has an excellent report on Correspondence. He reviews Canada for 1901, and after copying our remarks on unwilling members, he very wisely adds:

Men may need Masonry, and if properly understood and practiced it may add almost infinitely to human happiness; but Masonry needs no man, be he prince or peasant, artist or plodder, there is no man on earth of so much importance that it can be said that he is a necessity to Masonry, or even a grave need. Therefore we have believed that if a brother desired to withdraw he had the right to do so; but when he withdraws let it be actual, no matter by what route he goes; let there be no hanging on to the rear of the car, attendance upon banquets, claims upon its charities, sailing under the proud name of a Mason, and yet not doing his part as an upright, honest man to support the Fraternity. We are partial

to brothers in the Fraternity; we want no foster brothers in the family, claiming the name and benefits of the crops, who will not help weed the garden.

In answer to his query, we reply that all the business in our lodges is transacted with the lodge open in the First Degree. All our Entered Apprentices are full members from the time of their initiation.

Lodges, 102; members, 5,959; increase, 418.

W. F. Butcher (Baker City), G. M.

James F. Robinson (Eugene), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At the Quarterly Communication held on June 4, 1902, the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized.

September 3, 1902—

Bro. Thomas R. Patton, the founder of the Memorial Charity Fund which bears his name, handed over \$42,000 in order to bring this fund up to \$100,000. The remarks of the Grand Master, Bro. Edgar A. Tennis, in accepting this magnificent gift, are worthy of preservation:

It did not require this further generous act to win the hearts of the brethren of Grand Lodge to you, since years ago we learned to love and admire the nobleness of your nature and appreciate the bounty of your charity, and to-night we can only thank you with a genuineness equalled by the generosity of your heart, and add a fervent prayer to the Giver of every good and perfect gift that your life may long be spared to witness good results and hear tender benedictions from those whom you have befriended.

You represent perhaps more fully than any member of this Grand Lodge the teachings and principles of our blessed Fraternity, and your example will always stimulate us to higher ideas and suggest to us nobler aspirations in our dealings with our fellow-men.

Nor will gratitude and praise cease with members of our Fraternity, for in the lonely home circle, on hill-top and valley of this great jurisdiction, where the strong arm of support has been stricken and the widow and orphan finds comfort through your kindness, there will the name of Thomas R. Patton be sweetest and best, and be remembered as the great and noble character you are. I accept with great pleasure, on behalf of Grand Lodge, this generous addition to the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund.

November 5, 1902—

A Special Communication was held to celebrate the sesquicentennial anniversary of the initiation of George Washington into the Fraternity. Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, the President of the United States, was present and

delivered an address. A large number of Grand Masters participated in the proceedings.

December 3, 1902—

In an appeal case the law was stated as follows :

There can be no doubt of the right of every member using the ballot as he pleases without being questioned or intimidated in any way, but if he makes known his use of the black ball, and admits that it was from false or malicious motives, he must suffer the consequences of that admission.

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1902.

Edgar A. Tennis, G. M.

The address commences with the following historical retrospect :

One hundred and seventy years ago to-day the brethren of Pennsylvania assembled and elected William Allen their Grand Master. One hundred and sixteen years have passed since our Grand Lodge became independent of Great Britain or any other authority whatsoever, severing all ties except those of brotherly love and affection, and uniting only to cultivate and preserve with all lodges throughout the globe the bond of dignified brotherhood so happily conceived and now perfected. One hundred years ago to-day we dedicated and occupied the first temple owned by this Grand Lodge. It was a three-story brick building, situated on the south side of Filbert street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, in this city, and cost, including the necessary repairs, about \$8,250. We then had in this jurisdiction 65 lodges, with a membership of 1,600. Grand Lodge membership was about 300. Seventy-one years later the dedication of our present Grand Lodge home took place, it being also the day after the eighty-seventh anniversary of the independence of this Grand Body. Our lodges had increased to 353 and their membership to 37,546. Grand Lodge membership was about 4,000. Our new home, costing a million and a half dollars, is owned within the Fraternity; no mortgage having been given to secure deferred payments, faith alone in the integrity of our Institution becoming the collateral. How well we have kept the faith is attested by the practical liquidation of the entire debt, with added improvements costing an additional half-million dollars, during which time our lodges have increased to 440, their membership to 63,000, and Grand Lodge membership to 9,200.

Their charity funds are in good shape :

The hand of charity has kept pace with our material prosperity, and I am proud to submit the following figures indicating a generous fund for the relief of the needy, and which is lovingly dispensed by competent brethren composing the several charity boards:

Grand Lodge Charity Fund.. . . .	\$78,886 03
Girard Bequest.. . . .	64,248 68
Thomas Singleton Bequest.. . . .	26,213 67

Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund	101,929 58
Stephen Taylor Bequest..	12,499 43

\$283,777 39

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund distributed to 450 applicants the sum of \$3,809.

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund distributed to 145 applicants the sum of \$2,265.

The Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund distributed to 179 applicants the sum of \$1,491.

Bro. James M. Lamberton reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 439; members, 59,826; increase, 2,560.

Edgar A. Tennis (Philadelphia), G. M.

William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G. S.

The memorial volume of the Washington Sesqui-Centennial celebration is a magnificent art production, beautifully printed and bound and adorned with a great number of engravings, portraits, medals, seals, embossed work and certificates, etc. It contains a very full account of all the proceedings, which is exceedingly interesting. We return our thanks to M. W. Bro. Edgar A. Tennis, Grand Master, for the presentation.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

27th Communication, Summerside, June 24, 1902.

John Muirhead, G. M.

The lodges are working harmoniously and observing the principles of Freemasonry.

Costa Rica was recognized.

Lodges, 13; members, 574; increase, 15.

William R. Ellis (Port Hill), G. M.

Neil McKelvie (Summerside), G. S.

QUEBEC.

33rd Communication, Montreal, January 28, 1903.

Edson Fitch, G. M.

An excellent address by the Grand Master contains the following on the state of the Craft, with a proper warning against too much zeal in increasing the membership:

From the returns of the Grand Secretary, which have been prepared with special care during the last year, it will be seen that so far as numbers are concerned, Masonry in this jurisdiction may be said to be in a very flourishing condition. From the reports of peace and harmony which come from almost every part of our jurisdiction, and from the very satis-

factory amounts of money which have been contributed during the last twelve months for charitable purposes, it is reasonable to hope that the Craft is realizing its high and important mission more and more, and is practising what it preaches.

Numbers, alone, are no true test of the real progress of Masonry. Against our zeal for the increase of membership, our lodges cannot be too often warned. There is abundant opportunity for the display of Masonic zeal in the life of strenuous endeavor to live up to the teachings of Masonry, and in the caution required at the ballot box. Better by far that there should be no increase whatever of membership, than that the drunkard, the profane, the immoral, the licentious, the dishonest, or the irreligious should find an entrance. Nor should the portals of the lodge be opened to anyone whose presence is likely to cause discord among the members.

The reports of the District Deputies show a very faithful performance of duty on the part of these meritorious officers.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 5, at Stanstead, celebrated their 100th anniversary, and were accorded the privilege of wearing gold lace on their collars and aprons.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, and is well worthy of careful perusal. Canada for 1902 receives fraternal mention. In his introduction Bro. Chambers says:

A misapprehension of the true principles upon which Masonry is founded, and a misunderstanding of what really constitutes Masonic strength and progress is often responsible for much grievous injury to the Craft. Inexperienced Masons, accustomed to the methods of the different fraternal benefit associations, seem to regard numbers as one of the essentials of Masonic existence, and to consider it a matter of loyalty to the Craft to act more or less directly as missionary experts for increasing the membership of their respective lodges. The result is that deplorable cheapening of Masonry of which we hear so much in these days. It cannot be too strongly condemned. The financial ability of our members, if they have been properly selected, ought to be such that their annual dues should be amply sufficient to ensure the maintenance of our lodges, even without the admission of new members.

Many Grand Masters have recently drawn attention to this important matter, and it seems to us that more might do so to some advantage. It is necessary that the distinction between the principles upon which Masonry is founded and those which form the basis of the various benefit associations should be clearly indicated to the younger generation of Masons. May there be an earnest contention for a continuance in the paths the fathers trod, without which there is nothing but what is spurious, since no man or body of men has any authority to change the fundamental principles of Masonry.

Lodges, 57; members, 4,199; increase, 180.

John B. Tresidder (Montreal), G. M.

Will H. Whyte (Montreal), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

112th Communication, Providence, May 19, 1902.

J. Ellery Hudson, G. M.

The state of the Craft is thus summarized:

The records of the past year show a substantial gain in membership in our lodges, the reports from four lodges only revealing a loss. The financial condition of the Grand Lodge has improved to an extent that will, I think, warrant the retiring of some of our indebtedness, and the prospects for the future are such as to inspire the hope that this excess of receipts over our expenditures may prove to be of annual occurrence.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges save one. In one lodge he found that it was the custom to have the members of the choir and the Chaplain appear in vestments during the conferring of the degrees. He ordered that custom to be discontinued, and the Grand Lodge approved of his action by the adoption of the following report:

Your committee have no doubt that there might be many changes and innovations made in the conferring of the degrees that might make the work more elaborate and perhaps more impressive to some of the craft. Lodges that were possessed of abundant means might gratify the taste of the more esthetic of their membership by using expensive and gorgeous costumes and theatrical properties in profusion: but would such an innovation be for the best interests of Masonry? The costume of a Master Mason is dark clothes, with white apron and white gloves; this is the most simple, yet dignified, costume, and accords perfectly with the simplicity and dignity of the Institution of Freemasonry. We recommend that the action of the Grand Master be approved, and, if it is deemed advisable, that a standing order be adopted by this Grand Lodge in relation thereto.

The American flag is to be displayed in every lodge at every meeting, and it is to be placed in the East. Great is Old Glory!

Costa Rica was recognized.

Lodges, 37; members, 5,685; increase, 214.

William Henry Scott (Providence), G. M.

S. Penrose Williams (Providence), G. S.

SCOTLAND.

Annual Communication, Edinburgh, Dec. 1, 1902.

Hon. James Hozier, G. M.

After the installation of officers the brethren celebrated the festival of St. Andrew in their usual manner. Three of those present wore the Victoria Cross, an honor and distinction held in more esteem than any other. We quote the conclusion of the speech of the Grand Master.

One speaker spoke of the army being a volunteer force, meaning that men enter into it voluntarily, but our volunteer force is far greater than that in the way of volunteering. We have no recruiting sergeants; we never ask a single man to join our order—on the contrary, a man has to petition to enter our order, and if he is not found worthy he is instantly rejected. Now you know what our increase is even in these circumstances when we are bound not to try to recruit. If it was not so, of course we might have any number we chose. I was very much struck when reading a speech of President Roosevelt the other day. He was speaking at a great anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia, and was speaking with all the responsibility that rested on him as arbiter in the great railway strike going on at the time, and he said—"I feel if only I could get the employers and the wage earners into one lodge of Masons together, there would be no fear as to the result." (Applause). What does that mean? It means that there would be a sympathetic bond between the employer and the employed, because they belonged to the great Order to which we are proud to belong. (Applause). The watch-words of our Order are, as you know, "Loyalty, religion and sympathy." Our loyalty, our Masonic loyalty, must be of the most comprehensive kind. It is easy enough to be loyal in this great empire, and I saw this morning in a new book written by General de Wet, that he says—General de Wet was fighting to the end and wished not to give up even when the others were willing to surrender—"To my nation I address one last word. Be loyal to the new government. Loyalty pays best in the end. Loyalty alone is worthy of a nation which has shed blood for freedom." (Applause). We Masons are loyal to the British Empire. There is no difficulty in being loyal in such an empire as ours, but it is the duty of a Mason to be loyal to the head of the state, to the constituted authority everywhere. (Applause). That is the comprehensive loyalty of Freemasonry. Our Masonic religion is also comprehensive, it embraces all sects—it does not put one sect as against another. It only asks one thing. It does not ask whether a man is a Mussulman, or a Christian, or a Jew, but there must be belief and not unbelief. (Applause). There must be faith and not infidelity. (Applause). That is the broad basis of our Masonic religion. Now, brethren, as to sympathy—real true sympathy, is Masonic sympathy—not the thin sort of veneer which in society jargon may be called "tact," but that real true sympathy which consists of being able so to place ourselves in the position of others so as fully to realize their hopes, aims, fears, and the distress of others—to place yourselves actually in the place of others so as to be able to "do unto others as we would they should do unto us,"

in the best and highest way. That is Masonic sympathy. (Applause). Let us try to practice what we preach. Let us shape our lives on these lines of Masonic loyalty, Masonic religion, and Masonic sympathy. Let us in the words of Holy Writ, "Love the Brotherhood, fear God, honor the King." (Prolonged applause).

Permission was given to Lodge Holyrood House (St. Luke's) to hang in the East of the lodge room a picture of Robert Burns' inauguration.

A charter was granted to Lodge Glendevon, Albany, West Australia.

Quarterly Communication, Feb. 5, 1903.

Hon. C. M. Ramsay, Grand Master Depute, Acting G. M.

In his address we find the following :

Before proceeding with the business, I have in the first place to intimate to you an apology from the Grand Master, regretting extremely that he is unable to be here to preside over us in Grand Lodge to-day. I know you will all regret with me very sincerely the cause of his absence, the illness of his wife, Lady Mary Hozier. I am sure I shall have your authority, in writing to tell him about this meeting, to say how sincerely we sympathise with him in this trouble, and trust that Lady Mary may be restored to health.

There is another matter which, with the full approval of the Grand Master, I feel should be brought before you at this meeting. Grand Lodge is ever mindful of those who rendered good and loyal service to the Craft. Within the last month an event that does not often happen has come to one of our Past Grand Masters. I refer to Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, who was Grand Master Mason of Scotland for some eight years from 1873-81, a time during which Grand Lodge passed through a very serious crisis, from which it eventually emerged in a healthful tone, and since which its career of prosperity has continued uninterruptedly. The event to which I refer is that Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart last month celebrated the 50th anniversary of his marriage. It is an event, I think, well worth taking notice of, and I move that we send him the congratulations of the Grand Lodge of Scotland that he should have lived to attain such an epoch in a man's life, and our heartiest good wishes for many future years of happiness. The Substitute Grand Master seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

The Grand Master Depute then said : Brethren, I now move the suspension of the standing orders to place before you what I am sure will suggest itself to every Mason present. Within the last few days we have unexpectedly heard of the sudden death of our Past Grand Secretary, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, at the age of 83. As you are all aware, he was a familiar figure to us in the world of Freemasonry. For a long period of years he gave his time devotedly, and the whole of his services most unreservedly, to promote and further the interests of this Grand Lodge and of Freemasonry at large.

I am satisfied that I voice the feelings of all present when I move Grand Lodge to record formally in its minutes its deep sense of the loss which Freemasonry and Grand Lodge itself has sustained by the death of Bro. Murray Lyon, its high appreciation of the services which he rendered during a long and arduous career; and to instruct its Grand Secretary that a copy of this minute be sent to his relatives with whom, in their affliction, Grand Lodge condole and sympathises most sincerely.

Charters were granted to lodges in Transvaal, Orange River Colony, and five in Queensland.

The following resolution was passed:

That it be remitted to the Special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge to consider whether the mark degree can be brought wholly under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, and be worked solely by its subordinate lodges, with powers to confer with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, or any committee appointed by it for the purpose on the subject, and to report.

Hon. James Hozier, G. M.

David Reid (Edinburgh), G. S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Half-yearly Communication, Oct. 16, 1901.

Sir S. J. Way, G. M.

The Grand Master referred with pleasure to the very large number of lodges in the country districts which now had permanent meeting places, their own property, and he considered this a most important development in Freemasonry.

An ancient apron and jewel was exhibited to Grand Lodge, the property of Bro. S. I. Solomon, which has been in existence for two centuries and passed on through five generations, and originally belonged to Bro. Solomon's great-great-grandfather.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 16, 1902.

The Grand Inspector of Lodges reports that most of the lodges were visited either by himself or Deputy, and that the good work mentioned in his last report has been maintained. He also says:

In the Lodge of Instruction, though the attendance has been fairly good, it has only been the same few enthusiastic brethren every night, a large majority of the officers of the city lodges, who might take advantage of it, being conspicuous by their absence.

Lodges, 45; members, 2,673; increase, 79.

Sir Samuel J. Way (Adelaide), G. M.
J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

126th Communication, Charleston, Dec. 9, 1902.

Walter M. Whitehead, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

I have the satisfaction to report that our relations with all the foreign jurisdictions are of the most harmonious and fraternal character. Peace and good will have marked the intercourse of the various bodies during the past Masonic year, and no unpleasant circumstance has arisen to disturb the serenity which has prevailed for many years.

Within the borders of our jurisdiction Masonry has prospered, and there are signs of steady progress and healthy growth. The brethren are united, earnest, and full of zeal for the furthering of the great cause which they all have at heart. The membership of the lodges has been increasing, and the average increase, as far as I am able to judge, has been larger than in many years past. There is an improvement in the exemplification of the work, better places of meeting have been secured and fitted up, and more care is exercised in scrutinizing the character of the material which is being added to the Temple.

Three new lodges were opened and two others revived. On the work of the District Deputies the Grand Master has the following:

With some few exceptions the D. D. G. Masters have performed their duties to the entire satisfaction of the Craft, making official visitations to all the lodges in their respective districts, exemplifying the degrees when called upon, and by their presence aiding and encouraging the brethren in their work, and seeking by every means in their power to hold up and keep alive the weaker and less flourishing lodges.

Some of the deputies have made regular and elaborate reports to me, giving an account of the official visits made by them and the condition of the subordinate lodges under their immediate supervision. In this way I have been kept in touch with the Craft in those special neighborhoods and have been able to form a correct and just idea of the condition of Masonry in many sections of the State which I have been unable to visit personally. I am aware that the office of District Deputy is a difficult one to fill, and that it makes severe demands on the time of brethren who are busy about their usual vocations. The willingness with which some of the deputies have sacrificed their personal convenience in making long journeys for the purpose of an official visitation is worthy of the highest commendation. Most of them seem to have a keen sense of the obligation resting upon them. It gives me pleasure to express publicly my sincere thanks and high appreciation of their assistance in the discharge of their duties during the year that is past.

The Grand Lodge declined to recognize the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, not on account of the protest of the Supreme Council, "of which we know nothing," but in adherence to their established custom of non-recognition of Masonic bodies in non-English speaking countries.

Bro. Charles Inglesby has an excellent report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1901 has a good notice.

Lodges, 192; members, 6,926; increase, 394.

Walter M. Whitehead (Charleston), G. M.

Charles Inglesby (Charleston), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

28th Communication, Huron, June 10, 1902.

Charles Hill, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

The condition of the Craft throughout this Grand Jurisdiction is most satisfactory, showing increased interest in the desire for correct rendition of our adopted work, which is not only evidence itself of that interest which is so healthful to the growth of Masonry, but is the very greatest incentive that could be suggested, leading our brethren to take a proper pride in and inducing them to lay up a store of useful and correct Masonic knowledge which is and will become more and more the pride of the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction and inspiring them with those virtues of courtesy and fraternal kindness.

Fraternal greetings were extended to the Order of the Eastern Star.

A revised code of by-laws was adopted.

The report on Correspondence, by Bro. Samuel A. Brown, is very interesting and readable. In his notice of the Grand Orient of Belgium, he says:

The report of the lodges is given, not in the form that ours are reported, but showing the addresses and lectures delivered in the different lodges. There are some addresses on scientific subjects, some on the subjects of education. The most interesting occasion is that of the adoption of twenty-eight children by the lodge "Les Amis Philanthropes." The brethren profess to be the objects of continual persecutions at the hands of the Roman Catholic clergy and their followers, who, it seems, have control politically in Belgium. It is therefore not unnatural that they should advert to the subject of politics pretty frequently, and give pretty free rein to their expressions against what they consider the tyranny of the church of Rome. The burden of their discourses is humanity and toleration. Liberty, equality, fraternity are words that fill a good many spaces. We cannot in this country realize or appreciate the effect upon Freemasons of such a condition of things, where the church takes and keeps control of the

machinery of government and follows the natural human bent which leads to humiliating those opponents who are too weak in numbers to have a fair opportunity to unseat the party in power. When we reflect upon the conditions we can tolerate more politics in their lodges than we should be disposed to do in our own environment.

For our own part we can but hope and trust that the time will soon come when any Grand Lodge can express its sympathy with these brethren and extend recognition to them without being obliged to apologize for the irregularity of their recognition list.

Since the above was written we have learned through the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica that M. de la Haie, one of the leaders in Belgium, has declared that a profession of a belief in God is not a necessary requirement to initiation into the lodges. If that be the case, we may as well admit, first as last, that whatever those Belgian brethren may be, they are not Freemasons.

Canada for 1901 has a good notice, with the following compliment to our District Deputies:

The P. M. degree is still regarded as of some value in Canada, as evidenced by a refusal to a lodge its request to have the Past Master's degree conferred upon one who had never been elected to serve as Master.

The Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Porto Rico were recognized. That of Costa Rica was permitted to wait for more detailed information. Nothing was said about withdrawing recognition from Belgium on account of mesalliance with France. Our Canadian brethren have quite a number of that class on their list, and we also have one or two.

There are no reports of D. D. Grand Masters to compare with those of Canada in interest and instruction. If they were printed separately and distributed to all Masons they would be of great benefit. These officers stand between the lodges and the Grand Master and sift out a great many questions which would cumber the Grand Master's desk. While we recognize the high character of the Grand Masters who have sat upon Canada's Masonic throne, and gladly concede that they have been in great measure responsible for the greatness of that jurisdiction, we believe that very much has been due also to the ability, fidelity and zeal of her district deputies.

Lodges, 99; members, 5,125; increase, 209.

Frank A. Brown (Aberdeen), G. M.

George A. Pettigrew (Flandreau), G. S.

TENNESSEE.

89th Communication, Nashville, Jan. 28, 1903.

John R. Smith, G. M.

We quote the opening paragraph of the address:

In some respects this has been a remarkable year, and the

prosperity of the Order has been quite noticeable. The underlying principles of our Order have had free course to run, and have brought comfort to many hearts and wreathed many hearthstones with never-to-be-forgotten joys. The strong have felt the benign influence of fraternal guidance, and the weak have had tempered to them the winds of adversity by the gentle touch of brotherly love. Throughout the entire jurisdiction prosperity has crowned, on every side, the labor of willing hands, and peace, borne upon the wings of love, has hovered over our entire membership with only a ripple here and there to remind us that we ever have noble duties to perform. With the other jurisdictions of the world our relations have had not a jar, and this year has forged another band of steel to bind us closer together.

The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home continues to do good work. With 109 inmates, the average cost per year per inmate was \$78.39:

Wednesday afternoon the members of the Grand Lodge, supplemented by Masons from all parts of the Jurisdiction, and many Nashville citizens assembled in the Masonic Theatre to witness the entertainment to be given by the children of the Home, complimentary to the Grand Lodge.

The program was bright and entertaining, and was carried out with wonderful accuracy and grace, considering the tender years of many of the small performers. It was as follows:

Formation of the Compasses. By the Boys.
 Formation of the Square By the Girls.
 Song, "Star Spangled Banner" By Twenty Girls.
 Recitation By Annie Lee.
 Recitation By Willie Tinker.
 Song, "Columbia" By the School.
 Recitation, "Mamma's Little Market Woman" By Gertie Hayne.
 Song, "Dixie" By the School.
 Tableaux School grouped, with babies in front.
 Finale Shower of nickels from the audience.

The eloquence of our Southern brethren is strikingly manifested in their reported addresses, but for an impromptu reply the following is the best we have seen. It is the reply to a presentation of a Past Grand Master's Jewel to the Grand Master:

There are times when the softest note of the sweetest songster that sweeps unfettered the deep-tangled wildwood but faintly echoes the soul of music. There are times when the most daring exhibitions of bravery but poorly exemplify the real essence of courage. There are times when the deepest outbursts of devotion falls far short in portraying the hidden currents of burning love. There are times when the best chosen and most forceful words are but feeble vehicles for the expression of the feelings that consume the heart.

On this occasion, at this moment, I find myself absolutely incapable of giving expression to the deep feelings that heave

up and sweep over me, as the irresistible waves sweep over a storm-rocked sea. Beautiful jewel, a Past Grand Master's pride; to me more beautiful than all the diadems of all the kings; to me more honorable than all the titles of all earthly sovereigns; to me dearer than all else save a good name! I will keep it, wear it and honor it, and when life's fitful span is passed, on my pulseless bosom it shall rest as a token of how I prize it! Brethren, how can I thank you for this jewel? How can I express the feelings of gratitude I owe you? If I could touch the chord that would combine and produce in harmony all the sweetest music of all the ages; if I could call up for my use the genius of all the poetry that has charmed the world; if I could claim for my own the voice of all the oratory that has stirred the hearts of men, I would weave them together in one sweet and grand harmonious whole and give expression to what I feel in saying, "Brethren, I thank you! I thank you! I thank you."

Bro. Robert Walton presented a capital report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1902 finds fraternal mention.

Lodges, 424; members, 17,895; increase, 125.

Edmund P. McQueen (Loudon), G. M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G. S.

TEXAS.

67th Communication, Houston, Dec. 2, 1902.

William Clark, G. M.

The Grand Master reports seven dispensations granted for new lodges.

In their Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home at Fort Worth there are 105 children and four widows. The expense of maintenance was \$115.88 per capita, against \$119.46 the previous year.

The Grand Lodge perfected a scheme for the construction of a Masonic Temple at Waco, to be the permanent home of the Grand Lodge. The building is to cost \$150,000.00.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Lodges, 675; members, 31,568; increase, 1,888.

W. M. Fry (Gonzales), G. M.

John Watson (Houston), G. S.

UTAH.

32nd Communication, Salt Lake City, Jan. 20, 1903.

William J. Lynch, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

It has been my fortune to have been permitted to visit during the past year, Corinne, Damascus, Uintah, Story, Mt. Moriah, Wasatch and Argenta lodges. On the occasion of these visits I have had an opportunity of getting a close insight into the real condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction; of the interest manifested by the officers and members relative to the principles of Masonry, and the earnestness and zeal manifested in acquiring a better knowledge of the work and lectures of the several degrees. And it is with pleasure that I report to you that the condition of the institution in these respects is on the advance and that the Craft is in a most healthy and prosperous condition in the jurisdiction. Masonry in Utah, judging from my standpoint, is a grand organization for the accomplishment of the purpose for which it was designed and handed down to us by as noble a band of men as ever lived within the boundaries of the Commonwealth of Utah.

Brethren, perfection in the work and lectures is a consummation earnestly to be hoped for. But if this is to be attained at the sacrifice of the great moral principles which Masonry teaches, they are purchased at too great a cost. We should never lose sight of these important lessons, nor forget that our ritual, beautiful as it is and as desirable as it may be to have a correct knowledge of it, is only the scaffolding by the aid of which we are to erect the inner temple of our lives. It is well to be able to work well in the lodge, but it is far better to practice the Masonic virtues at all times, in the home, at our business places and before the world.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the appointment of a committee of three to formulate a list of physical disabilities which shall disbar a candidate from receiving the degrees of Masonry in Utah.

In his review of Canada for 1902 the Grand Secretary has the following anent the lodge at Jerusalem:

When Grand Master Judge William M. Wilson, who died in June, 1874, granted that charter in 1873, we expressed in our report the opinion that the lodge would sooner or later cause the Grand Lodge trouble, for which Bro. Robert Morris, at whose recommendation the charter was granted, severely reprimanded us in a letter, giving us to understand that our opinion stood for nil. That we were right them has since been proved. The lodge never made a report to Grand Lodge, never did anything for the good of Masonry, never did any work, and held a lodge meeting only when some foreign brethren visited the ancient city. That was the chance the keepers of the charter were looking for. Quick as lightning the news was spread around that a lodge would be opened and held under the ruins of King Solomon's Temple, and the foreign brethren, especially the Americans with plenty of glittering gold, were so "easy" for the "grafters" at Jerusalem.

It will be remembered that last year the Grand Lodge of Canada suspended the charter of the Jerusalem lodge, of which action it received notice from the Grand Secretary, and although the receipt of the notice had been acknowledged, the

obedient Masons held at least one meeting during last summer to exemplify before some American brethren the noble art of "grafting." That reminds us of the three Mormon lodges at Nauvoo in the early forties. Their dispensations had been arrested by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, but that did not prevent Joe Smith and Brigham Young to keep on making Masons by the wholesale until the Grand Lodge published the expulsion of the whole outfit.

Lodges, 10; members, 1,083; increase, 101.

Walter Scott (Salt Lake City), G. M.

Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G. S.

VERMONT.

109th Communication, Burlington, June 11, 1902.

Charles R. Montague, G. M.

Peace and tranquility reign throughout the jurisdiction. The lodges have nearly all been busy and the material has been of the best quality. Bro. Montague has some excellent remarks on Masters and Secretaries:

The office of Master of a lodge is one of great importance and requires of the incumbent vastly more than the ability to learn the ritual and confer the Masonic degrees. The welfare of the lodge is in his keeping, and its success or failure is in proportion to the wisdom and discretion with which he manages its affairs. I have hinted at the necessity of a knowledge of Masonic law as practised in this jurisdiction. No one should aspire to or accept this office unless he has a fairly good knowledge of Masonic law and parliamentary procedure, and is determined by study and research to be in reality what he is in name, Master of his lodge. The means are within the reach of all; all that is required is energy and application. The Wardens, who may be required in the absence of the Master to succeed to his duties, should feel that they require the same qualifications properly to discharge these duties. In a great measure it is the fault of the lodge itself if they are not properly governed. No one should be elected to the East who has not shown that he possesses the necessary qualifications for that important position. A poor Warden or Senior Deacon can never make a good Master. A good Warden or Senior Deacon may not have the necessary qualifications for a good Master. For this reason the system of regular promotion, regardless of qualifications, should be abolished in every lodge, if such now exists, remembering that merit is the just title to our privileges.

It is of equal importance that the Secretary be a man fitted for his peculiar position. While the Master should have a judicial mind, and executive ability, the Secretary should be one who is careful and correct in detail work. Records of meetings and business should be full, impartial and absolutely correct. All reports of committees should be recorded and placed on file, as no one knows when they may prove of the greatest importance, and the lack of them well-nigh fatal to

the lodge. This matter has been strongly impressed upon me during the past year in several instances. Records have been so imperfect as to be absolutely worthless, and documents of great importance utterly lost.

The following resolution was offered by R. W. Bro. Walter E. Ranger:

Whereas, R. W. Bro. Warren G. Reynolds, after a faithful service of twelve years as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, voluntarily retires from this important and honored office, be it

Resolved, That the brethren of the Grand Lodge recognize with sincere and grateful appreciation the devotion, the earnest effort, the faithful service, and true Masonic loyalty of R. W. Bro. Reynolds during all these long years of efficient activity.

That we observe with fraternal gratification the signal success and bright promise of his mercantile interests, though they deprive us of his future services as Grand Secretary.

That his efforts always to serve the Craft, his unflinching courtesy and fine fraternal spirit have won our sincere and fraternal esteem, and have established him in the hearts of Vermont Masons as an upright man, a worthy and beloved brother, and a loyal and honored Mason.

On motion of M. W. D. N. Nicholson the resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Marsh O. Perkins, and reviews Canada for 1901. In his notice of California we find the following:

In his conclusion, Bro. Davies refers to a notable change of opinion, to which we have frequently alluded, in favor of a modification of the extreme policy of perpetual jurisdiction, as suggested by Bro. Drummond, of Maine, and expresses the belief that "the amended policy" will succeed "because it is right." We are pleased to see this endorsement of our belief that the dogma is but a regulation, subject to legislation by Grand Lodges, and not a landmark, with a big "L," so persistently maintained by the extremists. If Grand Lodges would acknowledge "the right," even upon the basis of Bro. Drummond's proposition, limiting or extending jurisdiction, as the case may be, over rejected material to five years, one of the greatest disturbing elements of inter-jurisdictional harmony would be eliminated at once and forever.

Lodges, 102; members, 10,674; increase, 439.

Charles R. Montague (Woodstock), G. M.

Henry H. Ross (Burlington), G. S.

VICTORIA.

This Grand Lodge meets quarterly, and the officers are installed at a festival meeting held in May.

The Grand Orient of Greece was recognized. Costa Rica was postponed for further information.

The cablegrams over the new Pacific cable exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Canada are printed in full.

A delegate was sent to the Congress at Geneva.

Lodges, 177; members, 8,385; increase, 291.

The Grand Master is the Premier of the Colony, the Hon. Sir. A. J. Peacock, M. L. A., and the Grand Secretary is Bro. John Braim, Melbourne.

VIRGINIA.

125th Communication, Richmond, Dec. 2, 1902.

H. Oscar Kerns, G. M.

He reports five new lodges. On their Masonic Home he has this to say:

This institution should be the special pride and delight of every Mason in Virginia. It is not only worthy of our support, but it is meet that we should make a sacrifice to support it. I will not say that it is dependent upon the charity of Virginia Masons for its maintenance, for it is not. It is a debt we owe and an obligation you must fulfill, or you do not practice the tenets of Freemasonry. The Masonic Home is built upon the foundation of brotherly love, and relief is the grand aim it has in view. It is but putting into effect and practice the many beautiful lessons we are taught. Without its practical side Masonry is worth very little. We may have our beautiful and inspiring theories, and proclaim them to the world, but unless we carry them into practice they are worthless. There is no better way to show the object of our great and peerless Order than by helping those who need our assistance. This is what the Masonic Home is doing. It stands as a mighty monument to prove that Freemasonry is intensely practical. I do not believe there has ever been a Mason who has visited the Home who was not a better man when he came away, and who did not have a better love for Masonry, for it is there he can see the principles of Masonry exemplified. I am sorry that the reports from the Home will show a decrease in the donations from the lodges from \$1,681 in 1900 to \$1,112 for this year, a falling off of \$569. Brethren, this should not be so; and let me urge upon you to see to it that ample means are provided for carrying on this noble work.

The birth of a son to the Grand Master during the session called forth the hearty congratulations of the Grand Lodge.

The report on Correspondence by Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston is one of the best of the year. The style is clear and concise, and the author is generally on the right side of all discussions. Canada for 1902 has fraternal mention, but our printer is responsible for the emasculation of Bro. Eggleston's humorous reference to the antiquity of

"Massavania and Pennsychusetts." In the review of Kansas the following is said as to the use of cipher rituals:

Under Indiana, he has this to say:

"We admire the frank, open position of the Grand Master, and the way in which his Grand Lodge met him. Every practical ritualist knows that a cipher or some aid to the memory is a necessary evil, and that Masonic workers will use them and will have them. This declaiming with holy horror against their use is all twaddle. After twenty years of active experience in ritual work we are prepared to say that we have yet to see the Mason who is honestly making that kind of a contention who can confer a degree effectively twice alike."

What we think of the above is utterly unfit for publication. If he will come to Virginia we will show him hundreds of Masons who can and do confer all the degrees without a variation, and of a ritual or cipher exists in the State some of us would like to know the fact. Our Committee on Work, consisting of our four lecturers and five other members scattered over the State, get together five days before the Grand Lodge meets, and do not often find a single member wrong on a syllable or letter. Besides these, there are large numbers of Masons, some of them yet on the floor, who are equally letter perfect. Probably there are more letter perfect ritualists in any one jurisdiction where the ancient feature of "mouth to ear" instruction deposits our secrets in faithful breasts than in any five where the E. A. obligation is a dead letter and Masonry no longer Masonry. Rather than see the state of affairs exist in Virginia which obtains in some places in this particular we would prefer to put out our lights and close our doors forever.

Lodges, 268; members, 14,303; increase, 461.

Ed. N. Eubank (Newport News), G. M.

Geo. W. Carrington (Richmond), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

45th Communication, June 10, 1902.

Henry L. Kennan, G. M.

He reports five new lodges.

The new lodge at Skagway, Alaska, was constituted by Bro. S. J. Chadwick. His account of the ceremony is very interesting. Bro. Nourse, who presided at the banquet, hails from Collingwood:

There was present at this ceremony Masons, aside from the members of White Pass Lodge, from the Grand Jurisdictions of New York, Canada, Washington, Oregon, Ontario, British Columbia, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Texas.

The ceremonies of installation were followed by a banquet at the Delmonico restaurant, presided over by Bro. C. G. K. Nourse, governor of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Skag-

way. The banquet afforded every luxury that could be obtained in any of the seaports of the coast, and considering the far-away situation of Skagway I was surprised at the completeness of it.

The toasts responded to were as follows: "Masonry," Past Grand Master Chadwick. "White Pass Lodge," Worshipful Master McKean. "Alaska and its Fraternal Organizations," Bros. E. J. Shaw and Dr. J. H. Moore. "Our Newly Raised Brothers," E. T. Pope.

General remarks were made by S. J. Kelly, T. Keller, who was the oldest Mason present, being nearly eighty years of age; J. R. Vancleave, F. E. Burns, F. B. McDonald, P. E. Kerns, H. O. Peterson, J. M. Winslow, R. N. Becker, G. E. Howard and C. H. Gibbons.

It was indeed a feast of reason and a flow of soul. Bro. Nourse presided at the banquet table, being eminently fitted for that place. Not the least feature to me was the fact that from the beginning to the ending of the ceremonies it was daylight, although the ceremonies begun at nine o'clock in the evening and ended at five o'clock in the morning.

It is no disparagement to the many happy occasions which have been afforded me in Masonry, to say that this was the most delightful evening I ever spent among my brother Masons.

By the kindness of the brothers of White Pass Lodge I was transported to White Horse, on the Yukon river, where the Masons assembled, there being no lodge organization, and tendered me a Masonic picnic, the steamer Tasmania being kindly offered by the British Yukon Company for the occasion, and a feature of the excursion was that every person on the boat was a Mason, it being officered from cabin to deckhand by resident Masons of the city, the employes of the British Yukon Company being largely composed of men of our fraternity. After the excursion a banquet was tendered, and at half-past eight in the evening we attended the Presbyterian church in a body and listened to a sermon appropriate to the occasion. A lodge has since been formed at White Horse.

By the kindness and insistent courtesy of the Masons at White Horse, and especially those employed by the British Yukon Company, I was compelled, rather against my will, though subsequently I was very grateful to them, to extend my trip to Dawson City, where I had the pleasure of meeting many prominent Masons, among others Dr. Wells, who has since become the Worshipful Master of the Dawson Lodge recently organized, and witnessing the wonderful development of that wonderful country.

The Grand Secretary read a brief history of Olympia Lodge, No. 1, and invited the Grand Lodge to join Olympia lodge in celebrating the semi-centennial of said lodge, which was organized Dec. 11, 1852.

Funds are being collected for the establishment of a Masonic Home, but their distinct policy is not to go in debt in the matter.

The following was laid over till next year:

Resolved, That, whereas this Grand Lodge did, at its annual session of 1900, adopt a preamble and resolutions authorizing an exchange of representatives with the Grand Orient of Belgium, and, whereas, it appearing to this Grand Lodge that the Grand Orient of Belgium in its fraternal relation with and acting in harmony with the Grand Orient of France, a body which does not require a belief in one ever living God as an essential of Masonry, and, whereas, believing that the interests of Freemasonry demand that its landmarks shall remain unimpaired, and that no countenance should be given the Grand Orient of France, either directly or indirectly, and, whereas, believing that harmony can only prevail among Masons wheresoever dispersed by a strict adherence to the vital spark of Masonry, that we are brothers only by the divine precept and favor of the Grand Architect of the Universe, the one God before whom we all bow. Be it therefore

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge return the Commission heretofore issued by the Grand Orient of Belgium, appointing a Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, and recall the Commission warranting the appointment of a Grand Representative near that Grand Orient.

The Finance Committee, recognizing the great value to the Grand Lodge of the report on Correspondence, recommended that the compensation be increased from \$200 to \$250, which was adopted. The reporter is Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick, whose ability is unquestioned, and whose excellent work is worthy of all praise. Canada for 1901 receives due attention. In his conclusion Bro. Chadwick has the following:

The moral standard of Masonry is being carried to higher and higher planes. The few who would measure the worth of Masonic material by the low standard of the eighteenth century are in a vast and hopeless minority, and the time that I have spent in this pleasing work has not only established the Guild in my affections, but convinced me that to it is due the preservation of that fundamental principle, that Masonry is a science, moral and progressive.

The correspondent is the scout upon the firing line, and as a class they are deadly foes to innovation and agitation of matters which would stem the tide of harmony and reduce the cement of brotherly love to lifeless sand and running water. "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul," for what does it profit a Mason if he insists that a bounty be paid to his own vanity, though his brother's face be turned from him? And so to this faithful band, earnest and zealous, quick to detect the crackling twig that would betray the approach of the—reformer—we owe not only the preservation of our landmarks, but the preservation and moral growth of our Order, and above all, that good feeling which exists between all Grand Lodges, where a conception of the higher duty—the promotion of harmony—has prevailed.

Lodges, 112; members, 6,205; increase, 400.

John Arthur (Seattle), G. M.

Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G. S.

While out west last summer we managed to reach Port Townsend and had a very pleasant visit with Judge Kuhn, P. G. M., and his genial coterie. We had a great desire to see Bro. Reed at Olympia, but the fates were unpropitious. We hope for better luck next time.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Quarterly Communication, January 25, 1902.

Hon. J. W. Hackett, G. M.

The question with the Grand Lodge of Scotland is thus detailed:

By far the gravest matter on which I have to address you this evening concerns our relations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. You will have observed from the report of the Board of General Purposes that it is proposed to take decisive steps with regard to those Lodges which have been formed by that constitution since the establishment of this Grand Lodge. It is proper to approach this matter with every sense of responsibility and even anxiety. It claims all the attention which can be given to it, but nothing should be said or done to disturb needlessly the essential principles of harmony and good feeling; nothing which may prejudice us in the eyes of Masonry outside our own borders; nothing which may cause us to regret hereafter, or which may prejudice our position in the sight of those who have admitted our right to recognition as the Grand Lodge paramount of the State of Western Australia. On the other hand, the claims of Masonry itself, no less than our sense of what must be due to our own Grand Lodge, demands that no responsibility should be evaded, and no point of our obligations forgotten, and that this matter be decided one way or the other before much further time has elapsed. At present we stand recognized by the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, with the exception of Scotland, by all the Grand Lodges of Australasia, and practically by the Grand Lodges of the world. There has been no hesitation among all of those whom we have notified our sovereignty, and to whom we have applied for recognition, either in the old or the new worlds, with the one exception noted above. It is for you, brethren, now to consider the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, and to decide what steps you will take. The position is this—after long and patient negotiations, conducted, I hope, on our side in a perfectly Masonic spirit, the Grand Lodge of Scotland has definitely decided not to recognize us, but, on the contrary, has taken upon itself to stigmatise us an illegal Constitution. I will not take up your time with recounting the steps which have been taken to secure Masonic harmony and unity in the territory. I will only take you back to the Special Commission of the 7th June, 1901, when the report agreed to by a

special committee, appointed in accordance with resolutions passed at the quarterly communication of the 4th October, 1901, were adopted. This report was the work of a joint committee appointed on our part by the votes of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, and on the part of the Scottish brethren, by R. W. Bro. Rowe, to consider and provide a basis for union between the different Constitutions of the State. It may be well to set out the terms on which the Committee agreed union might be effected:

1. That the officers and brethren of Scottish Lodges be empowered to wear the distinctive regalia of their lodges in use for a period of five years.

2. That a candidate for the Master's chair must be three years a Master Mason, during one of which he shall have served the office of Warden, provided that this rule shall not apply to any brother who is already an I. M.

3. That the lodges be numbered according to the date of consecration.

4. That all Scottish Lodges joining shall retain their existing right of electing officers if they so desire.

5. That all past and present officers of the Scottish Constitution, at the time of the Union, shall be entitled to corresponding past rank in the new constitution (if Masters or Past Masters), such rank to be determined according to offices held under the Scottish Constitution, while working as a District Grand Lodge, subject to following rule.

6. That the S. C. Committee be empowered to draw up a list of names, not to exceed 54 in number, which shall be entitled to hold Past Grand rank—all such brethren to be Masters or Past Masters at the time of Union.

7. That a Ritual Committee be formed by the united body, to consist of an equal number of brethren from this Grand Lodge (as at present constituted) and an equal number from the other Constitutions, with the Grand Master of the W. A. Constitution as Chairman, with the right of a casting vote.

8. That this basis of Union be conditional upon 24 out of the 28 Scottish holding lodges joining.

9. That these conditions of Union remain open until the 31st August.

I am satisfied that it will be considered a fair and reasonable basis of compromise and agreement between the Constitutions. Even in these terms further modification might have been made had we been addressed by the District Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasons.

The majority of Scottish lodges declined to accept Union on these terms, but no further overtures or proposals for amending these terms have been received from our Scottish brethren.

Meantime, as steps were being taken to establish further lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Master protested, and at this meeting the Grand Lodge passed the following resolutions:

1. That the formation of lodges by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in this State since the 27th February, 1900 (the date of

the establishment of this Grand Lodge) is hereby declared to be an invasion of the Masonic territory of Western Australia.

2. That brethren owing allegiance to this Grand Lodge be directed not to visit these newly established lodges.

That the Masters of lodges in this jurisdiction be directed not to receive as a visitor any brother claiming admission as a member of one of these newly established lodges.

Lodges, 51; members, 2,684; increase, 100.

Hon. J. W. Hackett (Perth), G. M.

J. D. Stevenson (Perth), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

38th Communication, Fairmount, No. 12, 1902.

Peyton R. Harrison, G. M.

From all parts of the State come good accounts of the prosperity of the lodges. One new lodge was opened.

After considerable discussion the matter of establishment of a Masonic Home was indefinitely postponed. On a roll-call of the lodges the majority reported that they knew of no Masons, widows or orphans who needed support or assistance of any sort.

In his review of Canada for 1902, Bro. G. W. Atkinson has the following:

The reports from the seventeen District Deputy Grand Masters cover two hundred and fifty-one printed pages of the proceedings. They are much fuller than usual, and are exhaustive and comprehensive. I have for years watched the operation of the various District Deputies of our sister Grand Lodge of Canada with no little interest, and have many times referred to them as samples of industry and comprehensive ability, which should serve as models for American Grand Lodge officers of like grade. They report every detail of every lodge visited, and each concludes his report by giving a table that shows at a glance the exact condition of every lodge in the jurisdiction.

Lodges, 121; members, 8,022; increase, 591.

Eli M. Turner (Morgantown), G. M.

George W. Atkinson (Charleston), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

58th Communication, Milwaukee, June 10, 1902.

F. H. L. Cotten, G. M.

The year has been a prosperous one. The returns show a steady and healthful growth. Four new lodges were formed.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the application for recognition made by the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica and a similar application made by the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, be denied, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to inform the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina, that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin does not desire to participate in the proposed Universal Congress of Freemasons, to be held at Geneva in September, 1902.

The per capita assessment for the Masonic Home, or Charitable Fund, was increased to ten cents per member.

Bro. Aldro Jenks reports on Correspondence. In his review of California we find the following:

The Grand Master asserts (and deplors the fact) that the attendance upon Masonic funerals is gradually decreasing year by year. This, if true, is not only deplorable, but startling. If the Craft have become so engrossed in business, so wrapped up in their own selfish concerns, as to have no time or inclination to visit the sick, sympathize with the unfortunate, relieve the distressed, and bury their own dead, then the decadence of Masonry is at hand. When the teachings of our ritual are regarded merely as high-sounding platitudes, when they carry with them no corresponding sense of obligation, of duty to be performed, then has Masonry failed of its purpose, and instead of being a fraternal organization has become merely a social club, devoted only to pleasure and mutual entertainment. We believe the condition alluded to is not permanent or general, but rather it is casual and local. Let the Craft in Wisconsin see to it that there is no just cause of complaint against them in this respect.

One of his comments on our Proceedings for 1901 has reference to the issuance of two dispensations, one to hold a ball and another to attend a social. Bro. Jenks does not believe in parading Masonry upon such occasions. A somewhat similar deliverance occurs in his review of Rhode Island:

Several dispensations were reported as having been granted to enable lodges "to attend divine services in lodge formation." We have always denied the propriety of this. Surely members of a lodge can worship God without a dispensation from the Grand Master. We are opposed to all ostentatious displays of Masonry for advertising purposes, and we think this feeling has more to do with turning out on such occasions than a desire for religious worship. No communication of the lodge should be held where every member cannot feel free to attend and participate in its proceedings. Should the church selected be a Protestant church, as would likely be the case, Catholic and Jewish Masons might be compelled to listen to doctrines and statements quite at variance with their religious beliefs.

Lodges, 246; members, 18,795; increase, 585.

D. McL. Miller (Oconomowoc), G. M.
W. W. Perry (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

28th Communication, Rawlins, Sept. 3, 1902.

Samuel Corson, G. M.

The Grand Master is pleased to be able to report that the past year has been one marked by great prosperity and growth in membership and general advancement in Masonic circles throughout the jurisdiction, both in substantial gains in membership and also in financial and business matters.

The following resolution, directed against the Cerncau bodies of the Scottish Rite, was adopted:

Be it resolved, That any Master Mason of this jurisdiction who has joined or shall hereafter join or in any way affiliate with or recognize any so-called or pretended Masonic body of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, or any other body, commonly known as spurious, other than those specified in this resolution, shall be expelled from the lodge of which he may be a member; that any Master Mason belonging to a lodge of any other jurisdiction who has joined, or hereafter shall join, or in any way affiliate with or recognize any of the so-called pretended and spurious Masonic bodies, shall not be entitled to receive Masonic courtesies from or be allowed to visit any lodge in this jurisdiction nor to receive Masonic burial; provided always that any Master Mason who has heretofore joined or affiliated with any spurious body may save himself from the penalty set forth in this resolution if within three months from the 3rd day of August, 1902, he renounce in writing, filed with his Blue Lodge, his connection with such spurious body, together with evidence that such renunciation has been communicated to such spurious body; provided always, that these resolutions do not, in any way, apply to any person who may have joined or who may hereafter join or affiliate with the Order of the Eastern Star, or the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, said organization not being, in any way, Masonic bodies.

A very good move is indicated in the following resolution, which was carried:

Whereas, it will be for the best interests of Masonry and of this Grand Lodge that every lodge be visited by one or more able Masons who can and will deliver lectures upon the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry to the lodges and a lecture upon the subject of Masonry generally to which the friends of Masons may be invited, therefore

Be it resolved, That the Grand Master be instructed to secure the services of one or more Master Masons to deliver such lectures, and that three hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the traveling expenses of such lecturers.

The Grand Secretary presented his usual excellent report on Correspondence, including Canada for 1901. In the review of Ohio we find the following:

Ohio and a few other Grand Lodges having hastened to recognize the Grand Orient of Belgium, now as hastily but advisedly withdraw such recognition on the ground that they did not know the said Orient was in close communion with the Grand Orient of France and Grand Lodge of Hamburg, both under ban everywhere in this country. If Ohio brethren will carefully examine into the antecedents of all Grand Bodies in continental Europe they will probably find their records very unsavory, and that some, if not all of them are equally as guilty as Belgium. Close communion with the so-called Grand Lodge of Liberia and other clandestine bodies that we believe some of them have recognized is or should be as fatal as in the case of France and Hamburg. We trust Ohio has not recognized any of them. We are glad to find that Ohio, like Wyoming, did not fall into the "International Masonic Congress Bureau" trap and thus escaped rubbing elbows with irregular and clandestine so-called Masonry of every hue, kind and character. A few more object lessons such as the Peru incident, the Grand Lieta of Mexico, the Grand Orient of Belgium and others, not forgetting the afore-said trap, it seems should consign nearly all requests for recognition to the waste basket.

Lodges, 19; members, 1,308; increase, 141.

C. N. Potter (Cheyenne), G. M.

Wm. L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G. S.

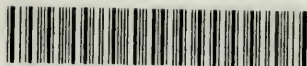
PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

Alabama.	1902	Nevada	1902
Arizona.	1902	New Brunswick. . .	1902
British Columbia . .	1902	New Hampshire. . .	1902
California.	1902	New Mexico.	1902
Colorado.	1902	New South Wales. . .	1902
Connecticut.	1903	New York	1902-03
Cuba.	1902	New Zealand.	1902
Delaware.	1902	North Dakota	1902
Dist. Columbia. . . .	1902	Nova Scotia.	1902
England.	1902	Ohio.	1902
Florida	1903	Oklahoma.	1902-03
Georgia	1902	Oregon	1902
Idaho.	1902	Pennsylvania.	1902
Illinois	1902	Prince Edward Is. . .	1902
Indiana	1902	Quebec	1903
Indian Territory. . . .	1902	Rhode Island.	1902
Iowa.	1902	Scotland.	1902
Ireland	1902	South Australia. . . .	1902
Kansas	1903	South Carolina. . . .	1902
Kentucky.	1902	South Dakota	1902
Louisiana.	1903	Tennessee.	1903
Main.	1902	Texas.	1902
Manitoba.	1902	Utah.	1903
Maryland.	1902	Vermont.	1902
Massachusetts	1902	Victoria.	1902
Michigan.	1903	Virginia.	1902
Minnesota	1903	Washington.	1902
Mississippi	1902	Western Australia. . .	1902
Missouri.	1902	West Virginia	1902
Montana.	1902	Wisconsin	1902
Nebraska.	1902	Wyoming.	1902

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

COLLINGWOOD, June 22, 1903.



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